

**Amendments to the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults,  
Adult Protection Policy, Protocols and Guidance.  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2008**

Changes to the complaints section at the end of the foreword to the document:

**Complaints**

If you have reason to believe that concerns about an adult protection issue have not been appropriately addressed you may make a formal complaint by contacting the Adult Social Services Customer Care Department at Kent County Council or to Customer Services at Medway Council Community Services at the above addresses.

Please note that depending on the specific nature and circumstances of the adult protection case the complaint will be logged and acknowledged. It may not however be appropriate for the complaint to be investigated until the adult protection case has been concluded, at which time the customer care department will contact you.

## **Policy**

### **New section 7.**

Under the Children Act 2004 everyone has responsibility to carry out their normal functions having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and for ensuring that they are protected from harm.

This includes work carried out in relation to assessments and reviews of vulnerable adults and carers, provision of services and in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults' processes.

#### **7.1 Allegation management**

In all adult protection cases where an alleged or confirmed perpetrator of abuse is a staff member or volunteer working with vulnerable adults in any setting, an assessment must be carried out through the adult protection process to determine if this perpetrator poses a risk to identified children or young people.

If this assessment indicates that there is a possible risk to children or young people, a referral must be made to the local Children's Social Services team. They will be responsible for addressing any reported concerns of harm or possible harm to children as a result of the referral from adult social services

**Protocol Section 4.3**

Who has responsibility to respond?

Second paragraph:

If the abuse occurs while the vulnerable adult is on holiday, in respite care or staying with their family in another district or authority area, it will be appropriate for the temporary host district/authority to take the lead in co-ordinating the response to the allegations. This is because:

## Guidance section 9

The title should read Guidance for agencies addressing adult protection concerns for d/Deaf people. In the first and second paragraphs the word protocol should be changed to guidance.

## Guidance section 2

New sub section 25

### Children Act 2004

This Act established a new post of Children's Commissioner with a role to raise awareness of the best interests of children and young people.

The Commissioner will look at how bodies, including government and the public and private sectors, listen to children and young people.

Section 10 of the act relates to the duty of the local authority and all partner agencies to cooperate in order to improve children's well-being. Well-being is the term used in the act to define the five Every Child Matters outcomes:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

Section 11 creates a duty for the key agencies who work with children to put in place arrangements to make sure that they take account of the need to safeguard children and promote the welfare of children when doing their jobs.

Other sections relate to:-

- The creation of a database containing basic details of children and young people to assist professionals to provide early support.
- The setting up of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and that the key partners take part.
- Requirement of local authorities to put in place a Director of Children's Services and Lead member to be responsible for as a minimum education and children's social functions.
- Requirement for an integrated inspection framework to be established by the relevant inspectorates to inform future inspections of all services for children

## Guidance Section 35

First paragraph: in the last two sentences the word may needs to be changed to must.

i.e. Service providers must complete an AP1

A copy of the AP1 must be forwarded to the relevant team.