

A United Approach To Adult Protection – Why?

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❖ **Focus on commonality**

- relatively new area of work
- significant population of vulnerable adults
- increasing levels of independent and supported living
- major organisational change

- unsatisfactory legislation
- drastically reducing hospital populations
- large independent sectors
- case material across the range of abuse
- major reports
- relative paucity of locally based research material.

- ❖ **Adult Protection is everyone's concern.**
- ❖ **Evidence from numerous inquiry reports suggest that this is a complex and multi-faceted problem.**
- ❖ **No single profession or agency has all the answers to adult protection.**
- ❖ **A wide range of stakeholders are necessarily involved.**

✓ **multi-disciplinary teams**

✓ **external agencies**

police

primary care

regulation bodies

professional organisations

DPP

education sector

✓ **service-users**

✓ **carers**

✓ **communities**

- ✓ **advocates**
- ✓ **pressure groups**
- ✓ **human resources**
- ✓ **planners and commissioners**
- ✓ **independent sector**
- ✓ **Prosecution Service**
- ✓ **legal profession/courts**
- ✓ **trainers**
- ✓ **day care, residential and support services**

- ❖ Communication is regularly cited as a major failing in abuse inquiry reports.
- ❖ Cross- border mobility.

Challenges

- Clarity of roles and responsibilities
- Work on thresholds
- Prevention
- Investigation
- Resolution

- Staff support
- How to influence policy and legislation
- Assessment
- Collection of data
- Research

- Move towards dedicated resource
- Independent sector
- Work on near-misses and root-cause analysis
- Transition into adult services.

What must happen next?

- in my own service
- between agencies
- cross-border.