

SETTING THE SCENE FOR SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

The Care Act 2014 made key changes to adult social care with a new general duty to “Promote individual well-being”.

Alongside this, it put the safeguarding of adults on a statutory footing for the first time. Previously ‘No Secrets’ offered only guidance to Local Authorities and organisations regarding best practice in safeguarding adults.

The Care Act applies to all people aged over 18 even when they may be receiving what may be thought of as a “children” or “young people’s” service, for example a 21 year old training with an under 18’s sports team.

Within the Act there has been a marked shift away from using the term ‘vulnerable’ to describe adults potentially ‘at risk’ from harm or abuse.

