

# Keeping Adults Safe A Shared Responsibility

Resource Pack



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#### **Resource 1.3** Sample Adult Safeguarding Policy Statement

A sample adult safeguarding policy statement is a statement of your intention to keep adults safe while in the care of your organisation.

It should be a simple statement, which reflects the nature and activities of your organisation such as:

#### Our commitment to safeguard

Abuse is a violation of an individual's human and civil rights; it can take many forms. The staff and volunteers in (organisation name) are committed to practice which promotes the welfare of adults at risk and safeguards them from harm.

Staff and volunteers in our organisation accept and recognise our responsibilities to develop awareness of the issues that cause adults harm, and to establish and maintain a safe environment for them. We will not tolerate any form of abuse wherever it occurs or whoever is responsible. We are committed to promoting an atmosphere of inclusion, transparency and openness and are open to feedback from the people who use our services, carers, advocates, our staff and our volunteers with a view to how we may continuously improve our services/activities.

We will endeavour to safeguard the adults we work with and care for by:

- Adhering to our adult safeguarding policy and ensuring that it is supported by robust procedures;
- Carefully following the procedures laid down for the recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers;
- Providing effective management for staff and volunteers through supervision, support and training;
- Implementing clear procedures for raising awareness of and responding to abuse within the organisation
  and for reporting concerns to statutory agencies that need to know, while involving adults at risk and their
  carers appropriately;
- Ensuring general safety and risk management procedures are adhered to;
- Promoting full participation and having clear procedures for dealing with concerns and complaints;
- Managing personal information, confidentiality and information sharing; and
- Implementing a code of behaviour for staff and volunteers.

We will review our policy, procedures, code of behaviour and practice at regular intervals, at least once every three years.

Author:	
Publication date:	
Approved by:	
Effective from:	
For attention of and action by:	Members of the Senior Management Team, Management
	Committee/Group; managers and leaders; staff and volunteers, service
	users; carers and advocates; and visitors.
Review date:	
Adult Safeguarding Champion	(Name and Contact details)

## **Resource 2.2** Sample Employment Application Form

### **APPLICATION FORM**

Candidate Refere	nce Number:				
JOB TITLE		Return t	to:		
		•			
PERSONAL DETA	LS (Please complete using block	capitals a	and black ink)		
Surname			Forename		
Address					
			Postcode		
Home Tel No			Work Tel No		
Mobile No					
May we contact y	vou at work?	YES		NO	
Email address					
Where did you se	e this vacancy advertised?				
•	,				
CURRENT OR MC	ST RECENT EMPLOYER				
Name					
Address					
Postcode			Tel No		
Position held and	brief outline of duties				
Date Started			Date Left		
Reason for leavin	g				
Job Title					
			Salary		
Notice period (if a			Salary		

Name & Address of Employer Dates of Employment		Position Held	Reason for leaving			
and Nature of Business	From	То				
	I	1	1	<b>-</b>		
<b>EDUCATION</b> Please give details of a	II qualification	ns obtained, alo	ng with grade and date ac	hieved.		
Please give your most recent first	•					
Level:	Dates		Course details and	exam results	Date Obtained	
Secondary/Further/Higher	From	То				
	1	•			•	
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	<b>VS</b> (Held or wo	orking towards)				
Professional	Dates		Course details and	exam results	Date Obtained	
Body/College/University	From	То				

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT** Please give details of employment (paid or unpaid) over the last 10 years.

Please give your most recent first

SPECIALISED TRAINING OF	R COURSE ATTENDED		
Course Taken	Organised By	Location	Date
MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESS	SIONAL BODIES Please give det	ails of membership or any professi	onal duties
Name of Professional	Level/type of	Registration Details	Expiry Date
Body (e.g. NMC, NISCC, HPC)	membership	(e.g. Part of Register)	. ,
SUPPORTING INFORMATION	ON (Please ensure when complet	ing this section that you demonstr	rate that you meet the short
listing criteria)			
Experience			
Knowledge			

Ability	
Qualifications	
<b>REFERENCES</b> Please give details of two referees; one must be yo	ur current or most recent Line Manager or School or College.
References from family or friends are not acceptable	
REFERENCE 1	REFERENCE 2
Name	Name
Job Title	Job Title
Organisation	Organisation
Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode
Tel No	Tel No
Email address	Email Address
DECLARATION OF CONVICTIONS	
See attached - Declaration and Consent Form	

**DECLARATIONS** Please ensure you sign and date this declaration before returning your application form.

**DATA PROTECTION ACT DECLARATION** - The information on the application form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998.

I understand that the information is being used to:

- Process my application for employment;
- Form the basis of a computerised record on the recruitment system for processing and monitoring purposes;
- Form the basis of a manual job file with other application forms and will be used for processing;
- If appointed, form the basis of a manual and computerised employment record.

declare that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false or omitted information may result in dismissal or other disciplinary action if am appointed.
am appointed.
Signature

#### Please note:

Date

All information received will be dealt with in confidence, consistent with our commitment to safeguard vulnerable adults

## **Resource 2.3** Sample Volunteer Application Form

## **Volunteer Application Form**

Name of org	anisation:								
Address									
Postcode				Tel No					
Please note	that the inforr	nation given l	below will be u	sed to match	potential volu	unteers to the r	nost		
appropriate	roles available	e at the time o	of application t	o volunteer w	ith <i>(name of</i>	organisation)			
PERSONAL D	ETAILS (Please	complete usin	g block capitals a	nd black ink)					
Surname				Forename					
Address					•				
				Postcode					
Home Tel No	)			Work Tel No					
May we cont	act you at wo	·k? YES		NO 🗖	1				
Mobile No									
Email addres	S								
Please tick th	ne volunteer r	oles you wou	ld be intereste	d in:					
Role Title 1		Role Title 2	? 🗆	Role Titl	le 3 □	etc			
Or list goog	canhical area/s	ites quailable	to volunteer in	)					
(Or list geogr	upinical alea/s	ites available	to volunteer in	<i>)</i> .					
When would	l you be availa	ble to volunt	eer with us? (	Please tick)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		
Morning									
Afternoon									
Evening									
What motivat	ed you to apply	for a volunted	er role in (name	of organisation	)?				

What previous work experience, including voluntary work do you have?
Do you have any habbies or interests relevant to the role?
Do you have any hobbies or interests relevant to the role?
What skills, knowledge and experience do you feel you could bring to a voluntary role in our organisation?
Are there reasonable adjustments that we could make as part of your recruitment process that would enable you
to enjoy equality of opportunity in seeking a volunteer role with us?
Please specify:

Please provide names and addresses of two people who we relative, but has known you for 2 years within the last 5 years	·
REFERENCE 1	REFERENCE 2
Name	Name
Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode
Work Tel No	Work Tel No
Home Tel No	Home Tel No
Signed Date	
Thank you for your interest, we will be in touch soon. Please return completed form to: Volunteer Organiser, (name and address of organisation)	
PLEASE NOTE: All information received will be dealt with in confidence adults	ce, consistent with our commitment to safeguard

#### **Resource 2.4** Declaration and Consent Form

We are committed to safeguarding adults at risk and to ensuring equal opportunity for all applicants. Information about criminal convictions is requested to assist the selection process and will be taken into account only when the conviction is considered materially relevant to the position applied for.

You have applied for a position that is defined as Regulated Activity under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007, as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. This post is not open to anyone who is included on the Adult's Barred List.

#### OR

You have applied for a position that is eligible for an Enhanced Disclosure Check under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (NI) Order 2007, as amended by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

#### (Select as appropriate)

It also falls within the position of an 'excepted' position under The Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) Order (NI) 1979. This means that you must tell us about all offences and convictions, including those considered 'spent', which are not protected. If you leave anything out it may affect your application.

This information **will** be verified through an AccessNI **Enhanced Disclosure Check (EDC)** if you are considered to be the preferred candidate and are being offered the position. The EDC will tell us about your criminal record history (and, if the post is regulated activity, if your name has been included in a Barred List). It is to make sure that individuals who are considered a risk to adults are not appointed.

The information received will be treated confidentially and will be assessed alongside normal selection criteria to determine suitability for the position. A separate meeting will be held with you if clarification is required to discuss any issues around your disclosure before a final decision is reached. After the decision has been made the information will be destroyed.

Please complete the attached form and return it with your application. The form also asks you to give your written consent to the AccessNI Check and to agree to further enquiries being made relevant to the declaration, which will only be obtained if you are the preferred candidate. If you do not consent we will not accept your application.

Applicants can also submit a separate statement of disclosure if they wish. This may include details such as the particular circumstances around the conviction(s); how circumstances may have changed; and what has been learnt from the experience. Applicants can contact the Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders (NIACRO) for more information.

## **Declaration of Criminal Convictions, Cautions and Bind-Over Orders**

#### **In Confidence**

1. Are you included in the Adult's Barred List? (If yes, please give details)	YES		NO	
2. Do you have any cases pending?	YES		NO	
(If yes, give please give details)				
3. Do you have any convictions, cautions, informed warnings that are not subject to 'filtering' (as defined by the Rehabil amended in 2014)?   YES □				
If yes, please provide details below giving as much information as you the court hearing and the court which dealt with the matter.	ı can, including, if	possible, the c	offence, the appr	oximate date of
4. Have you ever been the subject of an Adult Abuse investig	ation which alle	eged that you	were the perp NO	etrator?
If yes, please list full details below including the name of policy unit or provide the approximate date/s.	r HSC Trust involv	ed in the inves	tigation. If possi	ible please
Declaration and Consent				
I declare that the information I have given is complete and accurate Access NI Disclosure Certificate Application Form if I am consider appropriate Access NI check being made and I agree to enquiries	ered to be the pr	referred cand	idate. I consent	-
Signed:		Date:		
Print Name:				
Any surname previously known by:				
Position applied for:				

## **Resource 2.6** Sample Employee Reference Request Form

## **Reference Request Form**

#### **In Confidence**

Nam	e of applicant						
Posi	tion applied for						
1	In what capacity do y	ou know the applicant,	e.g. line n	nanager, su	pervisor, professional co	olleague?	
2	How long have you k	nown the applicant?					
3	Length of Service	Start date	/	/	End Date	/	/
4	Reason for Leaving						
5	Most recent position	held					
	Summary of main du						
7	Please comment on t	the following areas as re	elevant to	the post. P	lease be as specific as po	ossible.	
	Applicants main	strengths					
	Areas for improv	rement					
	Applicant's abilit	y to meet the competer	ncies and	skills of the	post (see job description	n)	
8	Please detail any con	icerns about any aspects	s of his/he	er work, who	ere relevant to the post		

9	Please detail any particular supervision or support needs that the applicant nabove	nay have	had if diffe	erent to	
10	Has the applicant been subject to any formal action in relation to discipline or competence at any time?  If yes, please give details	YES	0	NO	
11	Has the applicant had a satisfactory attendance record?  If no, please give details	YES		NO	
12	Do you have any concerns about the applicants suitability to work with adults at risk	YES		NO	0
	If yes, please give details				
	aware that this reference will be made available to the applicant, if reques	ted.			
	ature Date				
Orga	anisation/Business				
Tel N	No Email Address				

**Note:** We may contact you to clarify any of the information provided.

## **Resource 2.7** Sample Volunteer Reference Request Form

#### **Volunteer Reference Form**

In (	_	nf:	4~	n	
In (	ın	nti	ne	$\mathbf{n}$	-

	has expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer, and has given your name
as a	a referee.
4	Haralana kanana dan adalah saranga
1	How long have you known this person?
2	In what capacity?
3	What attributes does this person have that would make them a suitable volunteer?

4 Please rate this person on 6	each of the foll	owing? (please t	ick one)		
	Poor	Average	Good	V/Good	Excellent
Responsibility					
Self motivation					
Can motivate others					
Commitment					
Trustworthiness					
Reliability					

Do you have any concerns about the applicant's suitability to work with adults at risk?  YES  NO
If yes, please give details
<b>NOTE:</b> We may contact you to clarify any of the information provided. Please indicate a convenient time for us to do this:
I am aware that this reference will be made available to the applicant, if requested.
Signature Date
Tel No
Email Address

## **Resource 3.1** Sample Induction Checklist

What	Who	Date
About the Organisation		
<ul><li>aims, philosophy and ethos</li></ul>		
<ul><li>people we work/volunteer with</li></ul>		
<ul><li>work/volunteering we do</li></ul>		
<ul><li>limitations of the organisation</li></ul>		
structure: departments/teams		
<ul><li>management</li></ul>		
The Building		
<ul><li>toilets, cloakrooms, parking, etc.</li></ul>		
<ul><li>where to get tea/coffee/lunch</li></ul>		
<ul><li>health and safety rules</li></ul>		
The Job/Role		
<ul><li>worker's/volunteer's area of responsibility</li></ul>		
<ul><li>line management</li></ul>		
<ul><li>days/hours of work/volunteering and breaks</li></ul>		
<ul> <li>relevant organisational policies and procedures, including</li> </ul>		
the safeguarding policy		
code of behaviour		
The Support System		
<ul> <li>who will supervise worker/volunteer, where and when to</li> </ul>		
find them		
support available		
<ul> <li>supervision/support meetings</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>resources, facilities, equipment</li></ul>		
• training		
complaints procedure		
reasonable adjustments, if required		
Fellow Workers/Volunteers		
<ul> <li>who and what they do</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>team meetings</li> <li>working (valuate oring with others)</li> </ul>		
• working/volunteering with others		
Other Information		
<ul> <li>settling in – probationary/trial period</li> <li>alaiming aypaness</li> </ul>		
<ul><li>claiming expenses</li><li>key stakeholders and their roles</li></ul>		
- key stakeholders and their roles		
Employee/Volunteer: I confirm that I have completed all items	in the induction checklist and	d. where
indicated, read and understood policies and procedures.		.,
·	Data	
Signature		
<b>Line Manager:</b> I confirm that all items in the induction checklis me, or a member of (organisation) authorised by me.	t have been completed by (na	me) either with
Signature	Date	

#### Resource 3.2 Support/Supervision/Appraisal Checklist

#### 1. Generally:

How do you feel your work is going?

- What's going well?
- What's not been going so well? Why? What would help?
- Is there anything that has happened which you are unsure about? Are there particular situations that you would like to talk through?

#### 2. Workload:

What is your workload like? E.g. is it too much, too little or about right?

#### 3. Objectives/actions:

Let's review the objectives we set last time which we need to review. Last meeting you raised issues of... let's talk about...

#### 4. Relationships:

How are you getting on with the rest of the team – staff/volunteers? People who use our services, their carers, family and advocates.

#### 5. Personal development

Are there things you would like to learn more about/undertake further training on?

#### 6. Ideas for improvement

Do you have any ideas of how the organisation could improve how it provides its services or its conditions for staff/volunteers?

#### 7. Developments to job/role:

Are there any particular projects/new areas of work you would like to explore?

#### 8. Objectives/action

Are there any actions that we should set ourselves between now and next time we meet? Is there any particular issue that you would like me to bring to the team/management?

#### 9. Adult safeguarding

Are there any adult safeguarding issues you would like to raise that we have not yet discussed?

## Resource 4.1 Sample Form for Recording and Reporting Concerns, Disclosures and Allegations or Suspicions of Abuse

#### **ADULT ABUSE REPORT FORM**

Work location

Name of Adult

Age/Date of Birth

Please answer all relevant questions as fully as you can.

Names of carer(s) (if known)  Home Address (if known)  PLEASE COMPLETE THOSE SECTIONS BELOW THAT ARE RELEVANT  1 Disclosure by adult at risk
PLEASE COMPLETE THOSE SECTIONS BELOW THAT ARE RELEVANT
1 Disclosure by adult at risk
1 Disclosure by addit de risk
When was the disclosure made (dates and times)?
Who did the adult make the disclosure to?
What did the adult actually say?

2 Indicators
Describe any signs or indicators of abuse (with times and dates)
Has the adult alleged that any particular person is the abuser
(if so, please record details and the relationship, if any, to the adult below)
3 Concerns expressed by another person about an adult at risk
Record the concerns that were passed to you (with dates and times) and if possible ask the person who
expressed the concerns to confirm that the details as written are correct.
4 Details of any immediate action taken, e.g. first aid, etc
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5 Has the adult expressed any reservations about you talking to your line Ma Champion/appointed person about the matter?	nager/Adult Safeguarding
6 Does the adult have any particular needs, e.g. communication, etc?	
Signatures	
To be signed by the person reporting the concern	
Name	
Job title	
Signed	Date
Date received and actioned by Line Manager	
Name	
Signed	Date
Date received and actioned by Adult Safeguarding Champion/appointed person	1
Name	
	Data
Signed	Date
Action taken by Adult Safeguarding Champion/appointed person	
Signed	Date

## Resource 5.1 Sample Risk Register

Identify MAIN RISKS to people,		seriousness of e risks	Assessed Level of Risk	Risk Owner	How	can you m	anage thes	e risks	Action Completed (date)	By Whom	Review
property and/or organisation's work and reputation	Likelihood of it happening Unlikely Possible Likely	Impact of it happening  Minor  Moderate  Major	Combination of likelihood and impact Low Medium High		Stop the Activity  Action needed	Reduce the Risk Action needed	Finance Risk Action needed	Transfer the Liability  Action needed			How and when will you review the risks in this area?
A)											
B)											

## **Resource 5.2** Sample Accident/Incident/Near Miss Record Form

### **ACCIDENT/INCIDENT/NEAR MISS**

Please circle one of the above

#### **REPORT FORM Ref No:**

Name (person involved/inju	red)		Date	Time
If more than 1 person has been person.	n involved, please use	separate forms for each		
Status				
Service User □ E	mployee 🛚	Volunteer	Visitor □	Other 🗆
If Other, please specify				
Details of Accident/Incident				2 74
(Please include what happed a drawing if helpful and use			nmediately/by who	m? Please include
a arannig ij neipjarana ase	enera onecto y neces			
Details of injuries or damag	es and any first aid/r	medical treatment given		
Name of person reporting			Date	
Job title				

#### **Manager Section**

Long Term Action Plan (What action is to be carried out to prevent the Accident/Incident/Near)	Miss happening again)
Is a risk assessment (or support plan) review required as a result of this	Van El Na El
Accident/Incident/Near Miss?	Yes No D
Action to be carried out by (name)	By Date:
Line Manager Section Reviewed by (name)	Date:
	Date:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR), place a legal duty on employers, self-employed people, people in control of premises to report work-related deaths, major injuries or over-three-day injuries, work related diseases and dangerous occurrences (near miss accidents).

## **Resource 7.1** Sample Service User Health Form

#### **SERVICE USER HEALTH FORM**

### **In Confidence**

Name (organisation)  Activity	
Activity	
PERSONAL DETAILS	
Name (adult)	
Address	
Tel No	
Medical card number	
Are you taking any medication/treatment? Yes	No 🗖
Please detail	
CONTACTS FOR EMERGENCIES Should be in a position to collect you if necessary	
CONTACT 1	CONTACT 2
Name	N
	Name
Address	Address
Address	
Address	
Address  Relationship to you	
	Address
Relationship to you	Address  Relationship to you
Relationship to you  Home Tel No	Address  Relationship to you  Home Tel No
Relationship to you  Home Tel No	Address  Relationship to you  Home Tel No

Name			
Address			
Tel No			
MEDICAL DETAILS			
Do you have any medical conditions?	Yes	No	
Please detail			
Do you have any allergies, including allergies to food and medication?	Yes	No	
Please detail			
Do you have hearing loss?	Yes	No	
Please detail			
Are you visually impaired?	Yes	No	
Please detail			
Are there any issues related to your:			
Physical health	Yes	No	
Please detail			
Mental health and emotional well being	Yes	No	
Please detail			

Awareness and decision making skills	Yes	No 🗖
Please detail		
Personal care and daily tasks	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
Please detail		
Administration of medicines	Yes $\square$	No 🗖
Please detail		
Walking and movement	Yes $\square$	No 🗖
Please detail		
Communication and sensory functioning	Yes 🗖	No 🗖
Please detail		
Any other relevant information		
Please detail		

CONSENT	
CONSENT	
	I agree that the information provided may be shared with other staff/volunteers/professionals who can contribute to providing me a service or activity or care.
	I understand that I may withdraw my consent to share information or have further assessment at any time, but that this may affect ability to provide full services for me.
If there is any	information on this form which you do not wish to be shared, please specify
1) Which	information you do not wish to share
2) Who d	o you not wish to share information with
2) 1110 0	o you not wish to share information with
Signature	
Date	
Print Name	
IS SIGNED BY	SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE ADULT
What is your r	elationship to the adult?
On what group	nds do you have the authority to sign on his/her behalf? <sup>2</sup>
211 1111at Bi Ou	and the first time district, to sign on majorite serial.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  This should not be construed as being able to consent on behalf of the adult to whom this form relates.

## Appendix 6 Organisational self assessment checklist

## Standard 1 — The organisation has a written adult safeguarding policy supported by robust procedures and guidelines.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			Attained Date
			met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	There is a written policy statement of the organisation's intention to keep adults safe from harm.						
2	There is an outline of the procedures and guidelines that the organisation will implement to meet this commitment, in line with the minimum standards.						
3	The adult safeguarding policy is supported by other organisational policies, procedures and guidelines aimed at promoting safe and healthy working practices.						
4	The policy is 'owned' at all levels within the organisation and the person(s) with responsibility for its approval, implementation and review is named.						
5	The policy, procedures and guidelines are subject to regular review; at least once every three years.						
6	Everyone involved in the organisation is aware that the policy exists, what it aims to achieve and the steps that will be taken to achieve those aims.						

## Standard 2 – The organisation consistently applies a thorough and clearly defined method of recruiting staff and volunteers in line with legislative requirements and best practice.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			Attained Date
		met?		What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	There is a clear job description for staff and role description for volunteers and a personnel/volunteer specification outlining the key skills and abilities and qualifications, if any, required.						
2	There is an open recruitment process.						
3	There is an application form that covers past work/volunteering.						
4	There is a declaration form requesting information on previous convictions which are not protected, and investigations, if any.						
5	A consent form for an AccessNI disclosure check is completed if required.						
6	There is an interview process appropriate to the post/role and task.						
7	Written references are sought (and followed up when necessary).						
8	If a professional qualification is a requirement of the post, a registration check is made with the appropriate Professional Regulatory Body.						
9	Where required, an appropriate AccessNI disclosure check is carried out.						
1	The post is approved by management.						

## Standard 3 — There are procedures in place for the effective management, support, supervision and training of staff and volunteers.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			Attained Date
			met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	There is an induction process for staff and volunteers.						
2	There is a probationary period for staff and trial period for volunteers.						
3	Relevant training is provided appropriate to the post/role.						
4	There is a robust structure and process for support and supervision appropriate to the post/role.						
5	There is an annual appraisal for staff and review for volunteers.						
6	Comprehensive, written records are kept of: training completed; support and supervision; and annual appraisals/reviews.						

## Standard 4 – The organisation has clearly defined procedures for raising awareness of, responding to, recording and reporting concerns about actual or suspected incidents of abuse.

Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action need			Attained Date
		met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
The policy outlines what constitutes adult abuse, where abuse can occur and who abuses.						
2 There is a written procedure outlining how staff and volunteers respond to, record and report adult safeguarding concerns.						
3 There is a system to communicate the reporting procedure to staff and volunteers to ensure they are familiar with it.						
4 There is an Adult Safeguarding Champion or appointed person who has responsibility for dealing with adult safeguarding concerns which come to light within the organisation.						
<b>5</b> There is a procedure for the Adult Safeguarding Champion or appointed person to report adult safeguarding concerns to the appropriate authorities.						
6 There is a written procedure outlining how staff and volunteers respond to and report allegations made against staff and volunteers.						
7 There is a whistleblowing policy and procedure.						

## Standard 5 — The organisation operates an effective procedure for assessing and managing risks with regard to safeguarding adults.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed		et: action needed Attaine	
			met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	A risk assessment is carried out to identify and evaluate risks to adults using services or participating in activities.						
2	The identified risks are managed by putting in place risk-reducing measures.						
3	All identified risks and risk-reducing measures are recorded and reviewed at least once per year.						
4	The organisation should recognise that all adults have the right to take risks and should provide help and support to enable them to identify and manage potential and actual risks to themselves and others.						
5	The organisation has a procedure in place for reporting, recording and reviewing accidents, incidents and near misses, which should in turn inform practice and the risk assessment and management procedure.						

## Standard 6 — There are clear procedures for receiving comments and suggestions and for dealing with concerns and complaints about the organisation.

Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			Attained Date
		met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1 The organisation has an ethos of inclusion, transparency and openness which is communicated to all involved in the organisation, including adults at risk.						
2 There are appropriate procedures in place to share concerns or make complaints about the organisation.						
3 Complaints procedures are communicated appropriately to everyone in the organisation, including adults at risk.						

## Standard 7 — The organisation has a clear policy on the management of records, confidentiality, and sharing of information.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			Attained Date
			met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	The policy is based on an expectation of confidentiality in the recording, use and management of personal information.						
2	The policy informs staff and volunteers what information needs to be recorded.						
3	The policy informs staff and volunteers how written records should be secured, stored and eventually disposed of.						
4	The policy outlines what and how information is shared with relevant people within and outside of the organisation.						
5	Adults involved with the organisation should have access to information held about them.						

## Standard 8 – There is a written Code of Behaviour which outlines the behavior expected of all involved in the organisation.

	Checklist	Supporting Evidence	Fully	If not fully met: action needed			<b>Attained Date</b>
			met?	What?	By whom?	By when?	
1	The Code of Behaviour (Code) contains positive statements about how staff and volunteers are expected to behave towards adults at risk of harm.						
2	The Code outlines behaviours to be avoided.						
3	The Code outlines unacceptable behaviours.						
4	The Code contains guidelines relating to physical contact and intimate care.						
5	The Code contains guidelines relating to physical intervention and restraint.						
6	The Code contains guidelines relating to diversity and additional care and support needs.						
7	The Code contains guidelines on the handling of money.						
8	The Code contains guidelines on the use of technology, including photography.						
9	The Code outlines sanctions in the case of staff and volunteers breaching the Code.						
10	The Code sets out an expectation that everyone in the organisation should relate to each other in a mutually respectful way.						
11	The Code is tailored to organisational activities or services.						