

# SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

# PCT Safeguarding Adults Team

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# Who is a Vulnerable Adult?

Anyone over 18 who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and is or may be unable to take care of himself/herself or is unable to protect themselves against significant harm or serious exploitation (Who Decides – Lord Chancellor’s office {1997} quoted in No Secrets {DOH 2000})

# What do we do?

- Raise awareness of Safeguarding Adults
- Advice and support
- Provide all training for PCT staff
- Represent the PCT at all SA meetings
- Work closely with S/S and SCIT
- Take part in investigations when required

# A very real problem

- Prevalence 4% - however thought to be much higher
- 7 types of abuse
- Most common type of abuse is neglect followed by financial
- Perpetrator is most likely to be your partner/spouse followed by a close family member

# How to make a referral

- Complete a Safeguarding Adults Referral Form
- Fax to LBH Safeguarding Team on 01895 250869
- Verbal referrals can be made by phoning Social Care Direct on 01895 556633

# GP training

Rolling out in September in each of the 3 localities  
1 hour sessions, lunch included

Northwood Health Centre 9.9.10

Uxbridge Health Centre 5.10.10

Cedar Brook 17.11.10