

Appendix 11

Legislation relating to Safeguarding Adults

This section is currently under review.

Please keep checking the Richmond website for updates
http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/health_and_social_care/adult_protection.htm

There is no single or coherent statutory framework for adult safeguarding arrangements and adult protection in England and Wales. Instead, it must be discerned through reference to a wide range of law including general community care legislation and guidance, the Mental Health Act 1983, the Mental Capacity Act 2005, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court, and the civil and criminal justice systems.¹

In addition broader legislation relating to community care may also be referenced

If in any doubt, it is recommended that staff seek advice from their respective legal departments

¹ adapted from The Law Commission review of Adult Social Care
http://www.justice.gov.uk/lawcommission/docs/lc326_adult_social_care.pdf