

# CARE ACT 2014

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 – Care and Support**

#### **Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect**

#### *Schedule 2 – Safeguarding Adults Boards*

#### **Membership, etc.**

281. *Paragraph 1* specifies that the core members of the SAB must include the local authority, an appointed representative from each clinical commissioning group (CCG), and the chief officer of police for the SAB's area. The SAB may include other members that the local authority considers appropriate, after the local authority has consulted the core members of the SAB, as sub-paragraph (2) sets out. The Secretary of State may prescribe other core members of the SAB through regulations.
282. The appointed representative for the CCG or the police may represent more than one CCG or chief officer of police where there is more than one within that SAB's area. The individual nominated to represent the member on the SAB must be a person whom the member considers to have the required skills and experience. Nominated representatives are required to attend SAB meetings. The local authority must also appoint a chair for the SAB with reasonable skills and experience after consulting the other SAB members.
283. Other than this, there are no particular governance procedures which an SAB must follow, and the SAB can regulate its own procedure.
284. Sub-paragraph (6) sets out that the local authority must act under the guidance issued by the Secretary of State whilst other SAB members must have regard to such guidance.

#### **Funding and other resources**

285. *Paragraph 2* enables the SAB members to contribute financially to the cost of running the SAB. It allows for money from those members to be pooled in a single fund. It also makes clear that members can provide non-pecuniary resources (such as staff, goods, services or accommodation) in support of the activities of the SAB.

#### **Strategic plan**

286. *Paragraph 3* specifies that an SAB must publish for each financial year a strategic plan that sets out how it will meet its main objective and what each SAB member will do to achieve that objective.
287. This plan should, so far as feasible, be developed involving the local community, and the SAB must consult the Local Healthwatch organisation in the development of the plan.

## **Annual report**

288. *Paragraph 4* requires an annual report to be published to account for implementation against the strategic plan described in paragraph 3 and progress on the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews.
289. Sub-paragraph (1) requires the report to describe what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and its strategy, and how each member of the SAB has helped to implement the strategy. The findings of Safeguarding Adults Reviews concluded that year (whether or not they were started in that year) and actions taken that year in response to Safeguarding Adult Reviews must also be recorded in the annual report. That is either action taken to implement findings or, where a decision has been taken not to implement a finding, then the reason for that decision. The report must also record the total number of ongoing reviews, whether or not they were started in that year.
290. As well as being published, copies of the report must be sent to those people specified in sub-paragraph (2).