

Working together

to safeguard vulnerable adults
& children in Halton



If you would like a copy of the safeguarding joint working policy or would like further information on Safeguarding Children or Adults Services, please contact us on

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Halton Safeguarding Adults Board
www.halton.gov.uk/safeguardingadults

Halton Safeguarding Children Board
www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk



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Halton has two Safeguarding Boards for vulnerable children and adults, with a wide range of partners including health and social care services, the Police and the voluntary sector.

Their aims include:

for adults:

“A Halton where vulnerable people are safe from abuse/harm; empowered to make their own choices and to choose risks; where people are supported and developed to deliver this.”

and for children:

“All children and young people in Halton will grow up and thrive in safe environments, communities, homes and families. Where children are harmed, or at risk of harm, all agencies will actively cooperate to promote their welfare”.

There are many situations where children may be living with or regularly having contact with vulnerable adults. Where staff from children’s services become concerned about the welfare or safety of a vulnerable adult, they are expected to share this with adults services. Similarly, adults services staff must refer to children’s services when they are concerned about the safety and welfare of any children they meet.

In order to safeguard both children and vulnerable adults in such situations, we have recognised that is essential that children’s and adults services work together and share information effectively.

To assist this we have developed a joint policy between Children’s and Adults Services.

The aim of the policy is to make sure that we have quick, seamless and effective responses to referrals between adult and children’s services, and that we promote good practice in working together.

Other ways we promote working together include:

- Children’s services representative is a member of the Safeguarding Adults Board and an Adult Social Care representative is a member of the Safeguarding Children Board.
- The Safeguarding Boards have developed a joint Safer Recruitment Sub Group
- We are holding a joint event in 2011 with a focus on hate crime
- Safeguarding Adults and Children Service representatives have been involved on a group to compile a Code of Practice for transport personnel
- The Transition from childhood to adulthood Strategy has been reviewed and strengthened in regard to Safeguarding and Children/Young People’s and Adults’ services’ responsibilities.