

## **Appendix 14: Legislation for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults/Adults at Risk – Northern Ireland**

### **Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership – July 2015**

[http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/safeguarding\\_vulnerable\\_adults/safeguarding\\_vulnerable\\_adults-resourcelibrary.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/hss/safeguarding_vulnerable_adults/safeguarding_vulnerable_adults-resourcelibrary.htm)

Adult safeguarding policy to improve safeguarding arrangements for adults who are at risk of harm from abuse, exploitation or neglect, for the purpose of reducing the prevalence of harm.

### **Criminal Law Act (NI) 1967**

In Northern Ireland, whilst there are clauses, under the Criminal Law Act (NI) 1967 Sec 5 it is an offence not to report an arrestable crime to the police, which by definition, includes most crimes against children and adults.

### **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 and Protection of Freedoms Act 2012**

These set out measures to prevent unsuitable adults from working with children.

### **The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/northern-ireland/legislation-policy-guidance/>  
Provides the legislative framework for Northern Ireland's child protection system. It sets out: parental responsibilities and rights, and duties and powers public authorities have to support children and intervene if there are concerns about a child.

### **Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland (SBNI)**

<http://www.safeguardingni.org/>

Provide coordination and guidance to organisations in their work to safeguard children.

### **SBNI Strategic plan for Keeping Children Safe 2013-2016**

<http://www.safeguardingni.org/sites/default/files/sites/default/files/imce/Strategic%20Plan%20Children%27s%20Version.pdf> Children's version

### **A Short Guide to Regional Policy and Procedures**

<http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/acpcregionalstrategyshortguide.pdf>

### **UNOCINI (Understanding the Needs of Children in Northern Ireland)**

[http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/acpc\\_policy\\_procedures\\_amendments\\_-\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/acpc_policy_procedures_amendments_-_pdf.pdf)

Provides a framework and language to understand and express the needs of children and their families.

### **The Safe Parenting Handbook** [http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/sph\\_english.pdf](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/sph_english.pdf)

Offers ideas and information around core parenting issues, listing some of the warning signs of particular difficulties and offering helpful tips.

Criminal records disclosure checks are carried out by **AccessNI** - [www.nidirect.gov.uk/](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/)

Further details of safeguarding legislations, policy and publications can be found on the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety site:

[http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/child\\_protection\\_publications](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/child_protection_publications)