

APPENDIX 20/NI: LEGISLATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS/ADULTS AT RISK – NORTHERN IRELAND

[Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership – July 2015](#)

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](#)

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 \(SBNI\)](#)

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

[UNOCINI \(Understanding the needs of Children in Northern Ireland\)](#)

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

Criminal records disclosure checks are carried out by [AccessNI](#)