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PART 7

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Children Boards and Safeguarding Adults Boards

135 Functions and procedures of Safeguarding Boards

- (1) The objectives of a Safeguarding Children Board are—
 - (a) to protect children within its area who are experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm, and
 - (b) to prevent children within its area from becoming at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm.
- (2) The objectives of a Safeguarding Adults Board are—
 - (a) to protect adults within its area who—
 - (i) have needs for care and support (whether or not a local authority is meeting any of those needs), and
 - (ii) are experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse or neglect, and
 - (b) to prevent those adults within its area mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) from becoming at risk of abuse or neglect.
- (3) A Safeguarding Board must seek to achieve its objectives by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what is done by each person or body represented on the Board.
- (4) Regulations must—
 - (a) provide for a Safeguarding Board to have functions relating to its objectives (including, for example, functions of review or investigation);
 - (b) make provision as to the procedures to be followed by a Safeguarding Board;

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- (c) specify when and how children or adults who are, or may be, affected by the exercise of a Safeguarding Board’s functions must be given the opportunity to participate in the Board’s work.
- (5) A Safeguarding Board may cooperate with another one or more Safeguarding Boards.
- (6) A Safeguarding Board may act jointly with another one or more Safeguarding Boards in relation to their combined areas and if they do so—
 - (a) references in this Part to a Safeguarding Board are to be read as references to the Boards acting jointly, and
 - (b) references in this Part to a Safeguarding Board area are to be read as references to the combined area.
- (7) The Safeguarding Children Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board for an area may form a joint board for the area, and if they do so—
 - (a) the joint board is to have the objectives in both subsections (1) and (2), and
 - (b) references in this Part to a Safeguarding Board are to be read as references to the joint board.