

Definition of adult protection partnership

For the purpose of this joint inspection of adult support and protection, our definition of what constitutes an adult protection partnership is as follows.

The group of partners who work together – operationally and strategically—to:

- *receive all intimations of adult protect concerns;*
- *determine which concerns require investigation and investigate them;*
- *determine actions required to make sure that adults at risk of harm are safe, protected, supported, involved, and consulted;*
- *and are responsible and accountable for the implementation of these actions.*

All of the foregoing is pursuant to the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.

The core partners are:

- *The local authority, which is required to discharge its duties under the Adult Protection (S) Act 2007 and related legislation (includes associated bodies such as the Community Planning Partnership and the Chief Officers Group).*
- *Police Scotland (who also pursue and bring to justice perpetrators of harm to adults at risk of harm).*
- *The NHS Board (includes associated bodies such as Integration Joint Boards and relevant contractors, such as GPs).*

Other partners include:

- *The Adult Protection Committee, which provides leadership, oversight, and governance for adult support and protection.*
- *Third sector organisations (including those that deliver support to adults and risk of harm and their unpaid carers, and organisations that provide independent advocacy).*
- *The Fire and Rescue Service*
- *Trading Standards (in respect of financial harm to adults at risk of harm).*