**Policy**

1. **Introduction**

1.1 This document indicates the Force's policy towards Adults at Risk.

2. **Policy Statement**

2.1 Surrey Police will give special consideration to those members of society who may be defined as an Adult at risk; who are aged 18 years or over, who are or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness; and who are or may be unable to take care of themselves, or are unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation and may be vulnerable to abuse.

2.2 A person’s vulnerability will depend upon surrounding circumstances and environment and each case will be assessed upon its own individual circumstances.

2.3 Surrey Police will not tolerate the abuse of vulnerable victims and in order to identify, prevent or investigate abuse we will work in accordance with the Surrey Safeguarding adults Multi Agency procedures.

2.4 Abuse may consist of a single act or repeated acts, it may be physical, verbal or psychological, an act of neglect or omission to act, or where a vulnerable person is persuaded to enter into a financial or sexual transaction to which that person has not consented or cannot consent.

2.5 Where the above is identified, a Vulnerable Adult form within SCARF should be completed regardless of whether other services have been involved and have their own information sharing protocols.

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