



## **ADULT SERVICES**

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#### **1. LINKS WITH ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

1.1 Those who work with adults in SSD must consider the implications of service users' behaviour for the safety and well being of any dependent children and/or children with whom those adults are in contact.

1.2 In particular, child protection issues may arise amongst parents, carers or pregnant women who are in receipt of the following:

- Community mental health support
- Substance misuse services
- Learning disability services
- Support services for victims of domestic violence

1.3 Where there are child protection issues SSDs must establish and maintain systems so that:

- Managers within adult services can monitor those cases which involve dependent children
- There is regular, formal and recorded consideration of such cases between managers in both adults' and children's divisions
- Where both adults' and children's services are providing services to a family, staff communicate with each other and agree interventions

1.4 Adult services staff who receive referrals about adults who are also parents should consider if there is a need to alert children's services to a child who may be 'in need' or 'at risk of significant harm'.

1.5 Once action is taken under child protection procedures (and regardless of whether the work is undertaken jointly or separately) children's services become responsible for its co-ordination.

