

## Safeguarding Adults at Risk

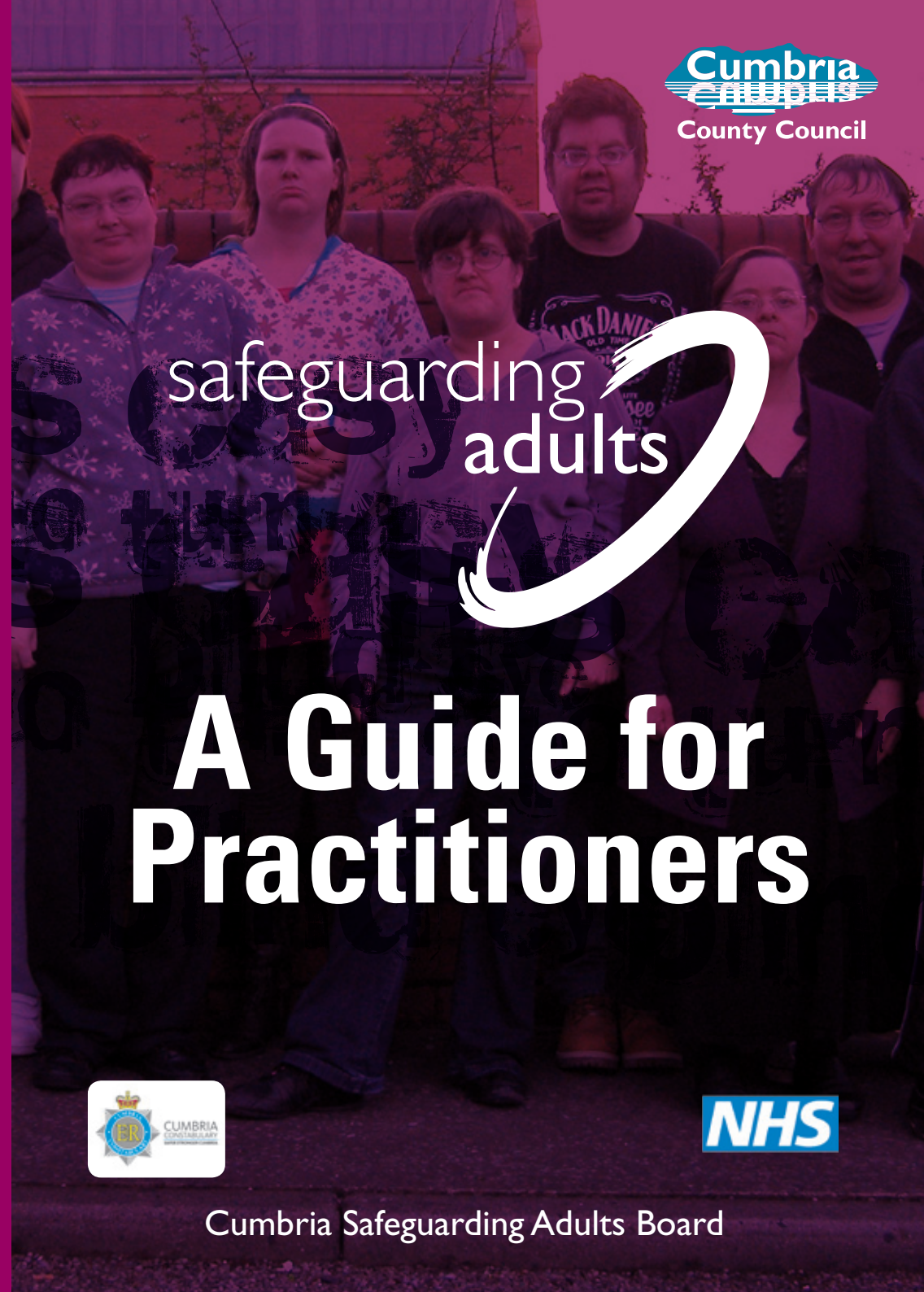
An adult at risk is defined as:

- a person aged 18 or over who appears to have health and social care needs and appears to be at risk of harm
- harm can include:
  - ill treatment
  - neglect
  - impairment of health or development
  - unlawful conduct which adversely affects property, rights or interests

( Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures, Cumbria Safeguarding Adults Board, 2012)

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# A Guide for Practitioners





The aim of Safeguarding Adults procedures is to enable people who are at risk of abuse or neglect to access safety. The process below follows best practice procedure through all of its stages.

The procedures detail the following stages:

|  |   | <i>Maximum time frame</i>   |
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| <b>Stage 1</b><br>Alert                            | Reporting concerns of abuse or neglect which are received or noticed within a partner organisation. Any immediate protection needs are addressed.                         | Immediate action to safeguard anyone at immediate risk                      |
| <b>Stage 2</b><br>Reporting the alert              | Information about safeguarding alerts must be reported to Adult Social Care.  | By the end of the same working day.   |
| <b>Stage 3</b><br>Decision                         | Decision, made following initial information gathering by Adult Social Care. Is it appropriate to continue to deal with this alert under Safeguarding Adults Procedures ? | Within the same working day   |
| <b>Stage 4</b><br>Safeguarding assessment strategy | This is a meeting or a discussion to formulate a multi agency strategy for assessing/ investigating the safeguarding concerns   | Within 5 working days   |
| <b>Stage 5</b><br>Safeguarding investigation       | Gathering the facts about the alleged abuse or neglect that has occurred or might occur. This may include a criminal investigation or a disciplinary investigation.       | This should be completed within 4 weeks of the Strategy Meeting/ discussion |
| <b>Stage 6</b><br>Safeguarding plan                | This is a multi-agency meeting where the facts of the safeguarding concerns are shared and a safeguarding plan is agreed.   | This should be held within 4 weeks of the completion of Stage 5.            |
| <b>Stage 7</b><br>Review of Safeguarding Plan      | The review of that plan.  | Within 6 months of the first review and thereafter yearly                   |
| Recording and Monitoring                           | Recording and monitoring the Safeguarding Adults process and its outcomes.  |   |