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Safeguarding Adults Board Regulations 2025

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In exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 7B of the Care Agency Act 2009, and all other enabling powers, the Minister with responsibility for the Care Agency has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Safeguarding Adults Board Regulations 2025.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication.

Establishment of Board.

- 3.(1) There is hereby established a Safeguarding Adults Board (the “Board”).
 - (2) The Board shall consist of a Chairperson and such members as may be appointed by the Minister by Notice in the Gazette.
 - (3) A member of the Board shall hold office for a period of three years, unless that member resigns, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
 - (4) The Minister may, in his or her discretion, terminate the appointment of any member of the Board at any times on the grounds of inability to perform the duties of a member, neglect of duties of a member or persistent failure to attend meetings.
 - (5) Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Board may regulate its own procedures.

Objective and Functions.

- 4.(1) The objective of the Board is to provide a joint forum to allow for a close working relationship between the Care Agency, the Royal Gibraltar Police, the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Elderly Residential Services, the Department of Social Security, the Housing Department and the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority and others who share a common aim of protecting adults at risk and for developing, monitoring and reviewing policies in order to help and protect such adults.
 - (2) The Agency shall provide secretariat support services for the Board.
 - (3) The functions of the Board shall be to-

- (a) establish a programme of work to develop and keep under review the policies and procedures of the Board;
 - (b) establish, maintain and review inter-agency guidelines on procedures to be followed in individual cases;
 - (c) monitor the implementation of legal procedures;
 - (d) identify significant issues arising from the handling of cases and reports from inquiries;
 - (e) scrutinise arrangements to provide treatment, expert advice and inter-agency liaison between the organisations that are members of the Board and make recommendations to the responsible agencies and the Minister;
 - (f) scrutinise progress on work to prevent abuse and make recommendations to the responsible agencies and the Minister;
 - (g) scrutinise work related inter-agency training and make recommendations to the responsible agencies and the Minister;
 - (h) publish an annual report on protection of adults at risk and other guides or handbooks on its procedures and policies;
 - (i) appraise annually the work which it has done during the year to achieve its objective and plan for the year ahead.
- (4) In this regulation, “adults at risk” means any individual of a kind described in section 7B of the Act.