

# CARE ACT 2014

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 1 – Care and Support**

#### **Safeguarding adults at risk of abuse or neglect**

#### ***Section 43 – Safeguarding Adults Boards***

277. This section requires a local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), which aims to help and protect individuals who it believes to have care and support needs and who are at risk of neglect and abuse and are unable to protect themselves, and to promote their wellbeing.
278. *Subsection (3)* sets out how the SAB should seek to achieve its objective, through the co-ordination of members' activities in relation to safeguarding and ensuring the effectiveness of what those members do for safeguarding purposes. An SAB may undertake any lawful activity which may help it achieve its objective. The functions which an SAB can exercise in pursuit of its objective are those of its members.
279. *Subsection (6)* acknowledges that two or more local authorities may establish an SAB for their combined geographical area of responsibility.
280. Further details about SABs are set out in Schedule 2 (see below).