



## Appropriate Adult Service

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## Description of current service/policy

The Service provides persons acting as an Appropriate Adult (AA) for children and young people and vulnerable adults (in the absence of a parent, relative, guardian, other person responsible for their care or any appropriate friend or other suitable adult) in custody at a police station or other place.

The Service will also provide AA for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children who are requiring an age assessment to be undertaken by Children's Services in situations where the age is in dispute. The service is provided through a contract with a national organisation called The Appropriate Adult Services covering all LA areas, excluding vulnerable Adults on the Isle of Wight.

Geographical impact: All  
Hampshire

## Description of proposed change

The service will be retendered. The service will include vulnerable adults on the Isle of Wight. The service specification will be outcome focussed, the requirements of availability and reliability (arrive within 1 hour) of Appropriate Adults will not change.

## Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

## Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Planned

Young people will be consulted to ensure their voice is included in the service specification and future contract management.

| <b>Statutory considerations</b>        | <b>Impact</b>  | <b>Mitigation</b> |
|--|--|-------------------|
| <b>Age:</b><br>Neutral                 |  |                   |
| <b>Disability:</b><br>Positive         | More reliable AA service for vulnerable adults, including adults with a disability, on the Isle of Wight |                   |
| <b>Sexual orientation:</b><br>Neutral  |  |                   |
| <b>Race:</b><br>Neutral                |  |                   |
| <b>Religion and belief:</b><br>Neutral |  |                   |
| <b>Gender reassignment:</b><br>Neutral |  |                   |
| <b>Gender:</b><br>Neutral              |  |                   |

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|---|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Marriage and civil partnership:</b><br>Neutral |               |                   |
| <b>Pregnancy and maternity:</b><br>Neutral        |               |                   |
| <b>Other policy considerations</b>                | <b>Impact</b> | <b>Mitigation</b> |
| <b>Poverty:</b><br>Neutral                        |               |                   |
| <b>Rurality:</b><br>Neutral                       |               |                   |

**Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)**

**Any other information**