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DIRECTORY TO SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS, AGENCIES & PRACTITIONERS IN ADULT PROTECTION

The Practitioner Alliance Against Abuse of Vulnerable Adults (PAVA) has published a new directory aimed at those working within adult protection.

The document, which acknowledges good practice in adult protection, is designed to support organisations, agencies and practitioners by referencing twenty one sites across England where positive work to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and exploitation is taking place.

Following the publication of *No Secrets*¹ (National Guidance on Protection of Vulnerable Adults) in the year 2000, the Directory seeks to illustrate what progress has been made in some areas of the country by presenting concise information on strategies which are working well. The directory also lists contact details for those wishing to access more information on initiatives which are of interest.

Said Andy Foskett (PAVA Project Coordinator), "We had an immense interest in our *Making a Difference*² national event, where the Directory was launched. Delegate places were fully booked well in advance. This clearly demonstrates how seriously adult protection is being taken, and the on-going need for a creative and supportive exchange of information and dialogue nationally in relation to the development of services and practice at local level. This directory is the result of much work and dedication from colleagues around the country and we anticipate it will prove to be an invaluable resource tool".

A downloadable copy of this directory will be available from the PAVA website from early November.

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Note to editors:

A downloadable version of the directory will be available from November, to obtain a copy go to website: <http://www.pavauk.org.uk/home/default.php>

¹To view No Secrets go to website:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/PublicationsAndStatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidanceArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4008486&chk=7WOgjo

²*Making a Difference* – PAVA Project national event held in Birmingham on 17th September 2004.

PAVA Mission Statement

PAVA strives through collaboration with practitioners in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors to develop practice-based interventions and to generate positive outcomes in working with the abuse of vulnerable adults.

This is being achieved by developing inter-agency working, encouraging local networks, promoting problem-solving on key issues and dilemmas in practice, and lobbying at both national and local government levels.

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