

## **5. Who Can be the Abuser?**

- 5.1 Vulnerable adults can be abused by anybody.
- 5.2 Agencies not only have a responsibility to all vulnerable adults who have been abused but may also have responsibilities in relation to some perpetrators of abuse. The roles, powers and duties of the various agencies in relation to the perpetrator will vary depending on who the latter is. (See "*No Secrets*" - Section 2.12.)