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safeguarding adults

**Safeguarding Adults– what do you
need to consider?**

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We are a national charity committed to safeguarding adults from abuse.

We work with individuals and organisations to improve their practices, strengthen their awareness of safeguarding, and help them share our commitment to ensuring that everyone can live free from abuse.

Our values



Honest



Professional



Inclusive



Compassionate

Our Strategy



Our vision

We can stop the abuse of all adults through raising awareness, building understanding, and working together.



Our purpose

We exist to create a world where everyone understands their role in safeguarding adults and preventing abuse.



Our mission

To help others better understand safeguarding while supporting them to embed best practices across their organisations.



Sectors we work in...



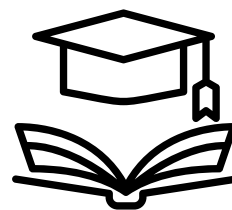
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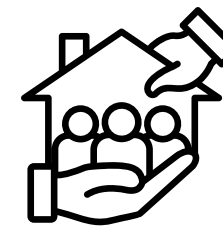
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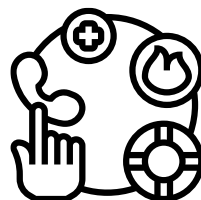
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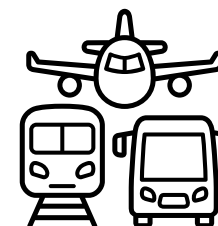
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Emergency



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Transport

... and many more



Trigger warning

Some of the themes of today's session may be difficult.

Keep yourself safe, take time away from the screen if needed.

Seek support to discuss any concerns you have after the session



Objectives

Today we will talk about:

- Relevant legislation
- Outside agencies and their roles
- Policy
- Procedure
- Training
- Safer cultures



Poll

How many people/organisations here today work with mostly adults?



Safeguarding Adults – everyone's responsibility – 4 nations, the same message



Adult Safeguarding: Current Aims



Give people more control over their own lives



Focus on prevention



Not waiting until something goes wrong



Help people stay independent

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Safeguarding: Everyone's Responsibility

Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about **people** and **organisations working together to prevent** and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's **wellbeing** is promoted

Care Act 2014

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Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

- Any intervention in an individual's affairs should **provide benefit to the individual and should be the least restrictive option** of those that are available.
- The adult's views, wishes and feelings should be taken into account.
- The adult's **rights** should be **respected**.
- The adult's **safety should be promoted**.
- The adult's **wellbeing should be promoted**.



Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership – Northern Ireland 2015

Adult safeguarding is based on **fundamental human rights** and on respecting the rights of adults as individuals, treating all adults with dignity and **respecting their right to choose**. It involves empowering and enabling all adults, including those at risk of harm, to manage their own health and well-being and to keep themselves safe. It extends to **intervening to protect** where harm has occurred or is likely to occur and promoting access to justice. All adults at risk should be **central to any actions and decisions affecting their lives**.



Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

Safeguarding means keeping people safe from abuse, neglect or harm and knowing what to do if you think a **child or adult** is at risk of abuse, neglect or harm



The wellbeing wheel



(Image taken from NHS UK online)

Safeguarding Adults & Children

Similarities

- All children and adults should be supported to be free from abuse and neglect
- It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of all children and adults
- Everyone has a duty to respond to concerns about adults and children and report them
- Abuse is usually more common by someone they know
- There is repeatedly a power imbalance with abused and abuser
- There is often more than one type of abuse taking place
- There is a legal requirement to have a Local Safeguarding Partnership (LSP) for child safeguarding and a Local Safeguarding Adults Board for adult safeguarding (LSAB)

Differences

- Legislation and guidance
- More categories of abuse for adults
- Adults have the right to remain in an unsafe situation if they have capacity to make that decision
- Safeguarding is done with adults not to them
- Procedures for reporting abuse and handling cases are not the same
- There is no LADO for adult safeguarding – it's adult social care.



<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection>

NSPCC
Learning



Poll – at what age do you become an adult by law?

Answers

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Who is an adult at risk under legislation?

Chat Box



Who is an 'Adult at Risk'

STEP 1

The person has care and support needs
(Whether the local authority are meeting those needs or not.)

STEP 2

They may be experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect

STEP 3

As a result of their care and support needs they are unable to protect themselves from harm or threat of harm



Care Act 2014



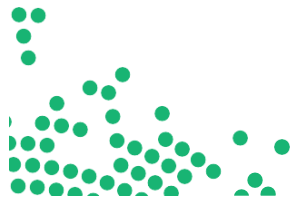
Categories of abuse for adults across the Home Nations

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological
- Neglect
- Financial
- Discriminatory
- Organisational
- Self-neglect
- Domestic Abuse
- Modern Slavery



Further types of abuse not in specific safeguarding legislation

- Forced marriage
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Radicalisation
- Cyber-bullying
- Hate Crime
- Mate Crime
- Cuckooing
- County lines
- Spiritual abuse
- Predatory marriage..... and more

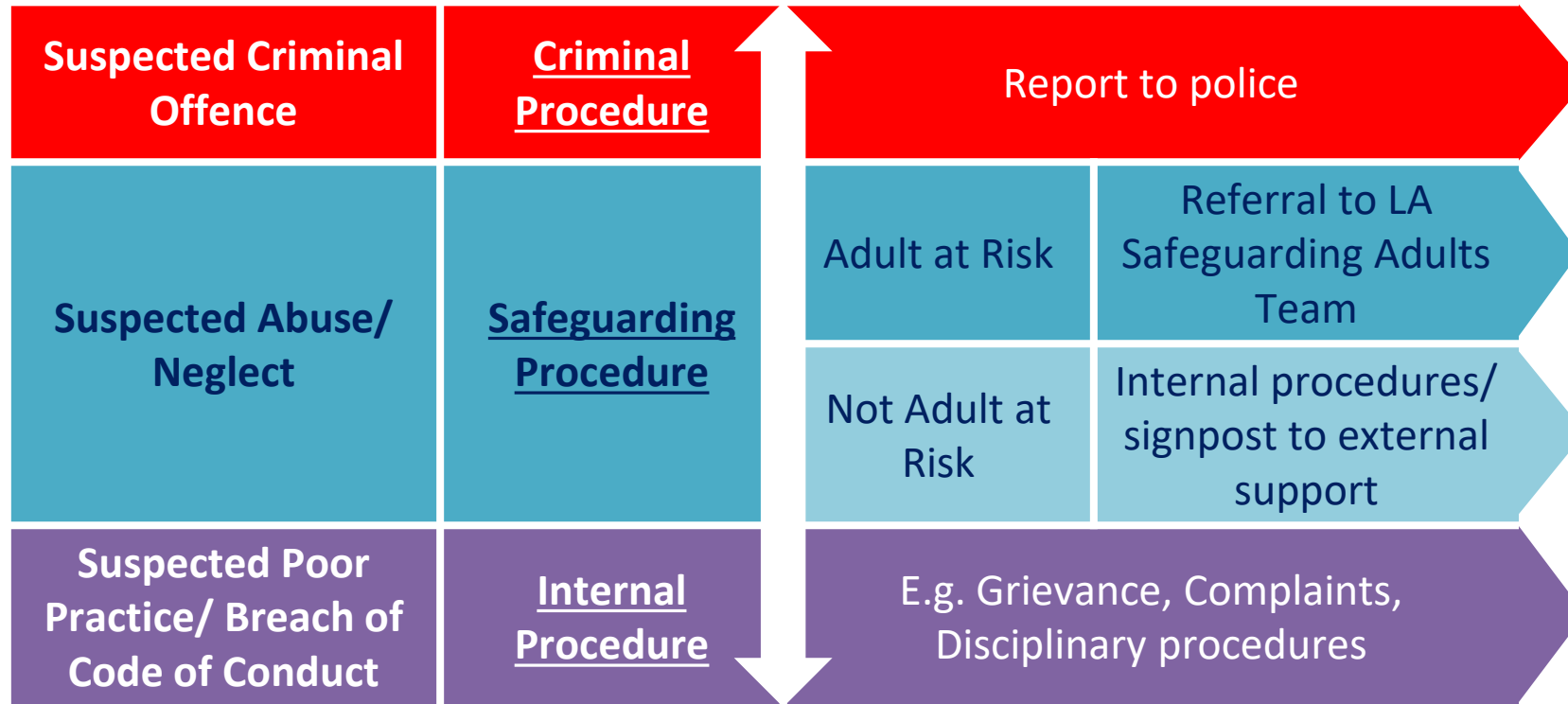


What outside agencies may support in safeguarding concerns?

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Determine the appropriate procedure for the concern to be dealt with



Concerns may involve multiple pathways

Circumstances may change and/or more information comes to light.

External Support Organisations



- Support groups
- Counselling/ Mental Health support
- GP
- Housing Association
- Assessment for Care and Support needs
- Children Services
- Residential Care services
- Community links
- Benefits and financial advice
- Other activities/ sport groups
- Drug/ alcohol rehabilitation
- Befriending schemes
- Household equipment mobility aids/ adaptations
- Support for carers
- Dementia Care services
- Specialist services i.e domestic abuse



**What can you do to
raise the profile of
safeguarding adults
in your organisation
and create a safer
culture?**

What you need:

- Policy and procedure
- A safeguarding lead
- Appropriate training
- Accessible information for your members
- An open-door culture
- Mechanisms in place to keep everyone safe
- Emergency protocols
- Serious incident reporting



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Does your organisation have a safeguarding adults policy and procedure?

Answer Yes or No



Policy and procedure

- Every organisation needs a safeguarding adults policy and procedure to show their commitment to keeping adults safe
- Roles, responsibilities and procedures need to be clearly stated
- Children and adult policies should be separate where possible
- It should reflect the organisation's work and mission
- It should include local authority procedures and expectations
- It should be circulated to and understood by all in the organisation regardless of role
- It should be regularly monitored and reviewed to reflect changes in legislation, practice and through organisational learning

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Have you had any safeguarding adults specific training?



Training

- Ensure staff in all roles have access to information and training relevant to their role and level of responsibility
- Consider the impact the training has made
- Review and make changes
- Training for EVERYONE – volunteers, staff, DSLs, managers, the board
- Content should include explanation of reporting and referring responsibilities

Training levels:

Level 1: usually Elearning, fundamentals of safeguarding adults, suitable for all staff and volunteers

Level 2: suitable for those who work directly with people, but do not have responsibility for referring safeguarding concerns outside of the organisation

Level 3: for managers who have a role that includes responsibility for safeguarding in their organisation.

Level 4: enhanced safeguarding adult training for senior leaders

Level 5: trustee or board member responsibilities in relation to safeguarding, including understanding regulator's expectations

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/safeguarding-adults-training>



Strong governance

- Organisations should be clear of their reporting arrangements
- And their regulators expectations in relation to safeguarding
- Should have a strong board and senior management team with knowledge of safeguarding
- Consider having a safeguarding champion on the board
- Should have oversight of the organisation's actions
- Be accountable
- Use organisational learning and lessons learned to create a safer culture
- Consider – what does 'good' look like





**Safeguarding
is everyone's
responsibility**

Remember the 5 R's

Recognise – possible indicators of a concern

Respond – doing nothing is not an option

Report – in line with your policy

Record – source and nature of concern, date, circumstances etc.

Refer – The Safeguarding Lead decides if it is appropriate to refer the issue to an external body



Creating safer cultures in our organisations



What do we mean by organisational culture?



Organisational culture is the basis for safeguarding to be practiced well in an organisation.



Where people ...feel safe to engage and anyone in, or impacted by, an organisation, is empowered to report concerns wherever they may arise.”



(Bond.org.uk 2020)

Organisational Culture

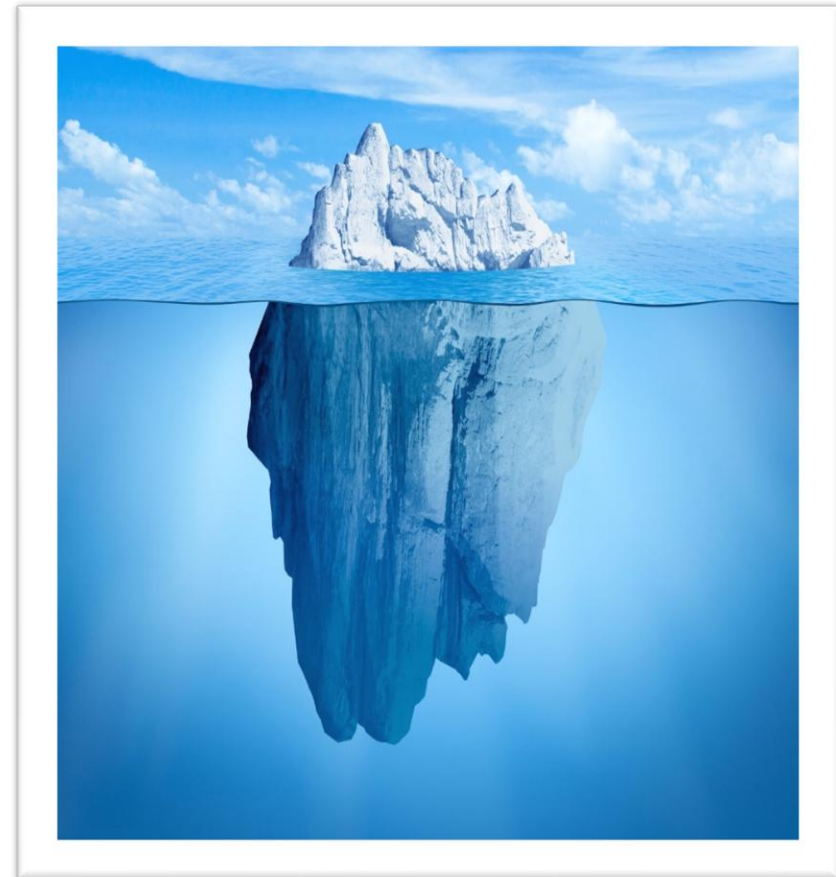
The visible organisational culture – vision, strategy, shared values, structures, policy and procedure



The invisible organisational culture or the way things really operate



Beliefs, perceptions, tradition , norms , unwritten rules, values, stories, personalities



Top tips.....



Resources

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/how-speak-out-cultures-can-help-prevent-abuse/>

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/new-elearning-course-focuses-on-financial-abuse-and-financial-capability/>

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/resources/>

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/events/safeguarding-adults-week/>



EVERY
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Safeguarding Adults Week 2026
16 – 22 November



A diverse group of people, including a man with a beard, a woman with glasses, a woman with a striped shirt, a man in a blue shirt, and a woman in a white shirt, are laughing and talking outdoors. The background is a blurred green landscape.

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Safeguarding Adults Week is a time for organisations to come together and raise awareness of important safeguarding issues.

Why is it important?

We believe that working in partnerships allows us to share knowledge of safeguarding, learn from others and ultimately create safer cultures.

And Safeguarding Adults Week gives all of us the opportunity to do that.



Safeguarding Adults Week

Mon 16–Sun 22 November 2026

Focusing on **Co-production** and **Making Safeguarding Personal.**

Putting choice, voice, and empowerment at the heart of safeguarding adults.

Every Voice.
Every Choice.

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Any questions?



Safeguarding good practice means that everyone is:



Free from abuse



Empowered



Treated with dignity
and respect



Afforded equality
of opportunity



Recognised, valued,
and accepted