



Safeguarding Adults Training Factsheet

Statutory Criteria for Safeguarding Adults

A Safeguarding Adults Concern should be raised if a person over 18 years of age:

- has or may have needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs);
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- as a result of those needs, is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

Definition of Abuse

Abuse or neglect may be deliberate, or the result of negligence or ignorance.

Unintentional abuse or neglect arises, for example, because pressures have built up and/or because of difficult or challenging behaviour which is not being properly addressed.

Categories of abuse

There are 10 categories of abuse or neglect. Someone may be experiencing or at risk of multiple categories of abuse or neglect.

1. Physical
2. Sexual (abuse/exploitation)
3. Psychological
4. Financial or material
5. Neglect or acts of omission
6. Discriminatory
7. Institutional
8. Domestic Violence (including Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation)
9. Modern Slavery
10. Self - Neglect

Before reporting the Concern, consider the following:

- Have you **discussed your concerns** with the adult?
- Does the adult **understand what has happened** to them?
- Have you **discussed possible outcomes** with the adult? Have you **asked the adult** what they would like to happen?
- Have you **sought consent** from the adult to report a safeguarding concern? Is there a need to override consent?
- What do you need to do to **manage the immediate risks?** e.g. inform home management, police, GP etc?
- Have you **collected all the information** you need to raise a Safeguarding Adults Concern? You can find out what information you need to raise a concern on the Safeguarding in Gateshead website.

Reporting a Safeguarding Adults Concern

Concerns can be made directly to Gateshead Council by anyone. Professionals should use the online via the Gateshead Council website

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/1819/Adult-social-care>

If you cannot access the online concern form, **contact** Adult Social Care Direct (0191) **4337033**

For other information

Further information about Safeguarding Adults in Gateshead can be found on our website:

www.gatesheadsafeguarding.org.uk