

# St Davids City Golf Club

## Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures

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# Safeguarding Adults Policy

## INTRODUCTION

St Davids City GC is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all individuals involved in golf.

An "adult at risk" is an individual aged 18 years and over who:

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

## PRINCIPLES IN RELATION TO ADULTS AT RISK

The Social Services Well Being (Wales) Act principles are:

- Pay attention to what people want.
- Remember people's dignity.
- Think about each person. Think about their culture, beliefs and language.
- Support people to be part of decisions about their life.
- Expect adults to know what is best for themselves.
- Support adults to be as independent as possible.

**Making safeguarding personal** is the concept that adult safeguarding should be person led and outcome focused. It engages the person in a conversation about how best to respond to their safeguarding situation in a way that enhances involvement, choice and control. As well as improving quality of life, well-being and safety.

Wherever possible discuss safeguarding concerns with the adult to get their view of what they would like to happen and keep them involved in the safeguarding process, seeking their consent to share information outside of the organisation where necessary.

The principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) state that every individual has the right to make their own decisions and provides the framework for this to happen.

In addition St Davids City GC recognises the following principles which underpin our work with all groups and individuals who may have additional needs for support and protection:

- It is every adult's right to be protected from abuse irrespective of their age, gender identity, faith or religion, culture, ethnicity, sexual orientation, background, economic position, marital status, disability or level of ability.

- All staff and volunteers share the responsibility for the protection of adults at risk and will show respect and understanding for their rights, safety and welfare.
- The additional vulnerability of disabled adults (including those with invisible disabilities, learning and communication differences) is recognised.
- Allegations of abuse or concerns about the welfare of any adult will be treated seriously and will be responded to swiftly and appropriately.
- St Davids City GC recognises the role and responsibilities of the statutory agencies in safeguarding adults and is committed to complying with the procedures of the Local Safeguarding Adults Boards.
- Confidentiality will be maintained appropriately at all times and the adult's safety and welfare must be the overriding consideration when making decisions on whether or not to share information about them.
- St Davids City GC will support all adults to understand their roles and responsibilities with regards to safeguarding and protecting adults at risk, including the responsibility to report all concerns in line with St Davids City GC safeguarding adults policy and procedures.
- All participants involved in golfing activities have the right to be listened to with respect and to be heard.

## **GUIDANCE AND LEGISLATION**

The practices and procedures within this policy are based on the principles contained within the UK and legislation and Government Guidance and have been developed to complement the Safeguarding Adults Boards policy and procedures, and take the following into consideration:

- Wales - Social Services and Well Being Act 2014
- England - The Care Act 2014
- Scotland - Adult Support and Protection Act 2007
- Northern Ireland - Adult Safeguarding Prevention and Protection in Partnership 2015
- The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012
- The Equality Act 2010
- The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- England and Wales - Mental Capacity Act 2005
- Scotland - Adults with Incapacity Act 2000
- Mental Capacity (Northern Ireland) 2016
- Sexual Offences Act 1956 & 2003
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- The Data Protection Act 1998
- The General Data Protection Regulation 2016

An explanation of legislations can be found on page 19.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION**

St Davids City GC will seek to promote the principles of safeguarding by:

- Reviewing St Davids City GC policy and procedures annually or whenever there is a major change in legislation.
- Giving guidance on appropriate recruitment procedures to assess the suitability of volunteers and staff working with vulnerable groups.
- Following procedures to report welfare concerns and allegations about the behaviour of adults and ensure that all staff, volunteers, parents and participants, including children, are aware of these procedures.
- Directing club staff, volunteers & coaches to appropriate safeguarding training and learning opportunities, where this is appropriate to their role.

### **1. COMPLAINTS, CONCERNS AND ALLEGATIONS**

**1.1** As a player, parent, carer, member of staff or volunteer you may be concerned about the welfare of an adult, become aware that abuse or poor practice is taking place, suspect abuse or poor practice may be occurring or be told about something that may be abuse or poor practice. These concerns should be brought to the attention of the Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer without delay. The person reporting the concern is not required to decide whether abuse has occurred, but simply has a duty to pass on their concerns and any relevant information tel: 01633 436040. In the event of an emergency please call the police 999.

**1.2** All concerns will be treated in confidence. Details should only be shared on a 'need to know' basis with those who can help with the management of the concern.

**1.3** Concerns will be recorded on an Incident Report Form and sent to Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer.

*The Lead Safeguarding Officer will assist with completion of this form if required, tel 01633 436040.*

**1.4** St Davids City GC will work with Wales Golf, and other external agencies to take appropriate action where concerns relate to potential abuse or serious poor practice. St Davids City GC disciplinary procedures will be applied and followed where possible.

**1.5** Safeguarding adults at risk requires everyone to be committed to the highest possible standards of openness, integrity and accountability. St Davids City GC supports an environment where staff, volunteers, parents/carers and the public are encouraged to raise safeguarding concerns. Anyone who reports a legitimate concern to the organisation (even if their concerns subsequently appear to be unfounded) will be supported. All concerns will be taken seriously.

- 1.6** It is important when considering your concern that you also consider the needs and wishes of the person at risk.

## **2. RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURE OF ABUSE**

- 2.1** If an adult indicates that they are being abused the person receiving the information should:

- Stay Calm
- Listen carefully to what is said, allowing the adult to continue at their own pace, and take it seriously.
- Explain that it is likely the information will have to be shared with others- do not promise to keep secrets.
- Keep questions to a minimum, only ask questions if you need to identify/ clarify what the person is telling you. Take care to distinguish between fact, observation, allegation and opinion. It is important that the information you have is accurate.
- Reassure the person that they have done the right thing in revealing the information.
- Ask them what they would like to happen next.
- Explain what you would like to do next and ask if they are happy for you to share the information in order for you to help them. As long as it does not increase the risk to the individual, you should explain to them that it is your duty to share your concern with your Lead Safeguarding Officer.
- Record in writing what was said using the adult's own words as soon as possible

- 2.2** DO NOT:

- Dismiss the concern.
- Panic or allow shock or distaste to show.
- Probe for more information than is offered.
- Make promises that cannot be kept.
- Conduct an investigation of the case.
- Make negative comments about the alleged perpetrator.

- 2.3** If the matter is urgent and relates to the immediate safety of an adult at risk then contact the police immediately. Complete and Incident Form and copy it to the Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer within 24 hours.

### **3. SIGNS AND INDICATORS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

**3.1** Abuse can take place in any context. Abuse may be inflicted by anyone. Players, members, staff, volunteers or coaches may suspect that an adult is being abused or neglected outside of the club setting. There are many signs and indicators that may suggest someone is being abused or neglected, these include but are not limited to:

- Unexplained bruises or injuries – or lack of medical attention when an injury is present.
- Person has belongings or money going missing.
- Person is not attending / no longer enjoying their sessions. You may notice that a participant in a team has been missing from practice sessions and is not responding to reminders from team members or coaches.
- Someone losing or gaining weight / an unkempt appearance. This could be a player whose appearance becomes unkempt, does not wear suitable sports kit and there is a deterioration in hygiene.
- A change in the behaviour or confidence of a person. For example, a participant may be looking quiet and withdrawn when their brother comes to collect them from sessions in contrast to their personal assistant whom they greet with a smile.
- They may self-harm.
- They may have a fear of a particular group of people or individual.
- They may tell you / another person they are being abused – i.e. a disclosure.
- Harassment of a participant because they are or are perceived to have protected characteristics.
- Not meeting the needs of the participant. E.g. training without a necessary break.
- A coach intentionally striking an athlete.
- A participant who sends unwanted sexually explicit text messages to an adult with learning disabilities they are training alongside.
- A participant threatening another participant with physical harm and persistently blaming them for poor performance.

### **4. CONSENT**

**4.1** Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 statutory guidance advises that the first priority in safeguarding should always be to ensure the safety and well-being of the adult.

**4.2** Adults have a general right to independence, choice and self-determination including control over information about themselves.

**4.3** St Davids City GC does not expect staff, coaches or volunteers to support an adult who is felt to be vulnerable or at risk through their decision making

process but expects them to inform Wales Golf without delay so that they can clearly define the various options to help support the adult at risk to make a decision about their safety. As long as it does not increase the risk to the individual, it should be explained to them that it is their duty to share their concern with the Wales Golf safeguarding lead. Consent is not required to seek guidance or share information with the National Governing Body.

- 4.4** Adults may not give their consent to the sharing of safeguarding information outside of the organisation for a number of reasons. For example, they may be unduly influenced, coerced or intimidated by another person, they may be frightened of reprisals, they may fear losing control, they may not trust social services or other partners or they may fear that their relationship with the abuser will be damaged. Reassurance and appropriate support may help to change their view on whether it is best to share information.
- 4.5** Those seeking to support the adult should consider the following:
- Explore the reasons for the adult's objections – what are they worried about?
  - Explain the concern and why you think it is important to share the information
  - Tell the adult with whom you may be sharing the information with and why
  - Explain the benefits, to them or others, of sharing information – could they access better help and support?
  - Discuss the consequences of not sharing the information – could someone come to harm?
  - Reassure them that the information will not be shared with anyone who does not need to know
  - Reassure them that they are not alone and that support is available to them.
- 4.6** If the adult continues to refuse intervention to support them with a safeguarding concern, or requests that information about them is not shared with other safeguarding partners their wishes should be respected.
- 4.7** However, there are a number of circumstances where those seeking to support the adult can reasonably override such a decision, including but not limited to:
- It appears that the adult lacks the mental capacity to make that decision (this must be properly explored and further guidance should be sought from the Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer)
  - Emergency or life-threatening situations may warrant the sharing of relevant information with the emergency services without consent
  - Other people are, or may be, at risk, including children
  - A serious crime has been committed / may be prevented
  - Individuals in a Position of Trust are implicated
- 4.7.1** In such circumstances, it is important to keep a careful record of the decision making process and guidance should be sought from the Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer. Legal advice will be sought where appropriate. If the decision is to take action without the adult's consent, then unless it is unsafe to do so, the adult should be informed that this is being done and of the reasons why.

## 5. Useful Contacts

<b>Wales Golf Contacts</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>Lead Safeguarding Officer</b>	<b>Sian Simmons Wales Golf Catsash Newport NP18 1JQ</b>	01633 436040  Sian.simmons@walesgolf.org

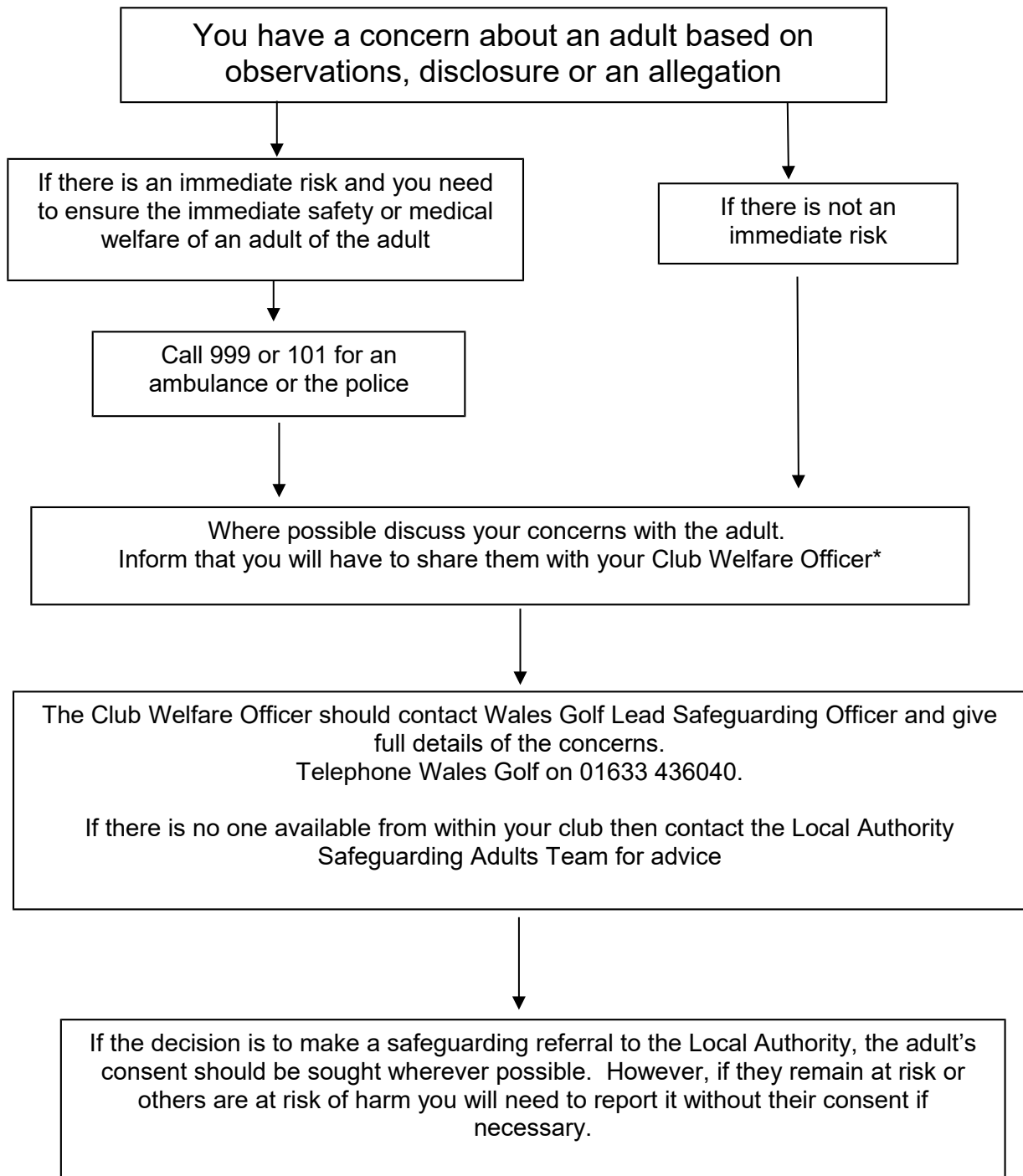
<b>Local Contacts</b>		
Pembrokeshire County Council – Safeguarding Adults		

<b>National Contacts</b>		
<b>Ann Craft Trust - Safeguarding Adults in Sport and Activity</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.anncrafttrust.org">www.anncrafttrust.org</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:Ann-CraftTrust@nottingham.ac.uk">Ann-Craft Trust@nottingham.ac.uk</a>  Telephone: 0115 951 5400
<b>Samaritans</b>		08457 90 90

<b>Wales Safeguarding Hub</b>		
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<b>NSPCC Child Protection in Sport Unit</b>	Laura Whapham	Telephone: 02920 334975 Email: <a href="mailto:laura.whapham@nspcc.org.uk">laura.whapham@nspcc.org.uk</a> Mobile: 07766 802832
	Cerri Dando	Email: <a href="mailto:cerri.dando@nspcc.org.uk">cerri.dando@nspcc.org.uk</a>



## What to do if you have a concern about an adult?



### Remember

It is not your duty to investigate concerns about an adult but don't ignore them – talk to the adult if possible and get in touch with someone within your organisation or the local authority for advice

\* If for any reason a Club Welfare Officer is not in post or is unavailable a principle of least delay is important. Please contact the Wales Golf Lead Safeguarding Officer

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### Capacity – Guidance on Making Decisions

The issue of capacity or decision making is a key one in safeguarding adults. It is useful for organisations to have an overview of the concept of capacity.

We make many decisions every day, often without realising. We make so many decisions that it's easy to take this ability for granted.

But some people are only able to make some decisions, and a small number of people cannot make any decisions. Being unable to make a decision is called "lacking capacity".

To make a decision we need to:

- Understand information
- Remember it for long enough
- Think about the information
- Communicate our decision

A person's ability to do this may be affected by things like learning disability, dementia, mental health needs, acquired brain injury, and physical ill health.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA) states that every individual has the right to make their own decisions and provides the framework for this to happen.

The MCA is about making sure that people over the age of 16 have the support they need to make as many decisions as possible.

The MCA also protects people who need family, friends, or paid support staff to make decisions for them because they lack capacity to make specific decisions.

Our ability to make decisions can change over the course of a day.

Here are some examples that demonstrate how the timing of a question can affect the response:

- A person with epilepsy may not be able to make a decision following a seizure.
- Someone who is anxious may not be able to make a decision at that point.
- A person may not be able to respond as quickly if they have just taken some medication that causes fatigue.

In each of these examples, it may appear as though the person cannot make a decision. But later in the day, presented with the same decision, they may be able to at least be involved.

The MCA recognises that capacity is decision-specific, so no one will be labelled as entirely lacking capacity. The MCA also recognises that decisions can be about big life-changing events, such as where to live, but equally about small events, such as what to wear on a cold day.

To help you to understand the MCA, consider the following five points:

1. Assume that people are able to make decisions, unless it is shown that they are not. If you have concerns about a person's level of understanding, you should check this with them, and if applicable, with the people supporting them.
2. Give people as much support as they need to make decisions. You may be involved in this – you might need to think about the way you communicate or provide information, and you may be asked your opinion.
3. People have the right to make unwise decisions. The important thing is that they understand the implications. If they understand the implications, consider how risks might be minimised.
4. If someone is not able to make a decision, then the person helping them must only make decisions in their "best interests". This means that the decision must be what is best for the person, not for anyone else. If someone was making a decision on your behalf, you would want it to reflect the decision you would make if you were able to.
5. Find the least restrictive way of doing what needs to be done.

Remember:

- You should not discriminate or make assumptions about someone's ability to make decisions, and you should not pre-empt a best-interest's decision merely on the basis of a person's age, appearance, condition, or behaviour.
- When it comes to decision-making, you could be involved in a minor way, or asked to provide more detail. The way you provide information might influence a person's ultimate decision. A person may be receiving support that is not in-line with the MCA, so you must be prepared to address this.

### **Relevant Policies**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Wales Golf policies

- Whistle Blowing
- Social media
- Complaints
- Disciplinary
- Equality, diversity and inclusion

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**St Davids City GC  
Incident Report Form**

Recorder's Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

Name of Identified Adult:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

Complainant's Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	Telephone No:

Details of the allegations: [include: date; time; location; and nature of the incident.]
Additional information: [include: witnesses; corroborative statements; etc.]
Have you discussed your concerns with the adult? What are their views?

Wales Golf notified (01633 436040)

Case Number (if allocated):

Name of person spoken to:

Date:

Time:

Action taken:

Date:

Time:

Signature of Recorder:

Signature of Complainant:

**Data protection:**

Wales Golf may use the information in this form (together with other information they obtain as a result of any investigation) to investigate the alleged incident and to take whatever action is deemed appropriate, in accordance with their Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures.

Strict confidentiality will be maintained and information will only be shared on a "need to know" basis in the interests of safeguarding. This may involve disclosing certain information to a number of organisations and individuals including relevant clubs and County bodies, individuals that are the subject of an investigation and/or Statutory agencies such as the Police and Adult Social Care.

**St Davids City GC****GUIDANCE ON TYPES OF HARM**

**Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 recognises 5 categories of abuse that may be experienced by adults.**

**Physical**  
**Sexual**  
**Psychological**  
**Neglect**  
**Financial**

**Physical**

Including hitting, slapping, pushing, kicking, misuse of medication, restraint or inappropriate sanctions.

**Sexual**

Including rape, indecent exposure, sexual harassment, inappropriate looking or touching, sexual teasing or innuendo, sexual photography, subjection to pornography or witnessing sexual acts, indecent exposure and sexual assault or sexual acts to which the adult has not consented or was pressured into consenting.

**Emotional or Psychological**

This includes threats of harm or abandonment, deprivation of contact, humiliation, blaming, controlling, intimidation, coercion, harassment, verbal abuse, isolation or withdrawal from services or supportive networks.

**Neglect and acts of omission**

Including ignoring medical or physical care needs, failure to provide access to appropriate health social care or educational services, the withholding of the necessities of life, such as medication, adequate nutrition and heating.

**Financial or Material**

Including theft, fraud, internet scamming, coercion in relation to an adult's financial affairs or arrangements, including in connection with wills, property, inheritance or financial transactions, or the misuse or misappropriation of property, possessions or benefits.

**Not included in Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 but also relevant to safeguarding adults in sport and physical activity:**

**Self-neglect**

This covers a wide range of behaviour: neglecting to care for one's personal hygiene, health or surroundings and includes behaviour such as hoarding.



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### Consent and Information Sharing

Although we want to make safeguarding personal there are some circumstances when we need to take action without an adult's consent. Sometimes an adult at risk may not want you to act on your concerns or their disclosure. This may be because they are scared or fearful of the repercussions from you taking action. It may also be because they are not aware abuse is taking place or have the mental capacity to make an informed decision and understand to remain in their current situation is unsafe. Sharing information with the right people, is central to good practice in safeguarding adults.

You should not keep safeguarding concerns about adults at risk to yourself. Explain to the adult that you must pass the concern on to your Safeguarding Lead, as you have a duty of care. You should reassure the adult that they will be fully included on what happens.

It is appropriate to report concerns without an adult's consent when:

- You have reason to believe the adults health and or wellbeing will be adversely affected by ongoing harm.
- Other people are, or may be, at risk from the person causing harm, including children.
- It is necessary to prevent a crime, or a serious crime has been committed.
- Sharing the information could prevent a crime and help to stop abuse
- The adult may be under duress or being coerced
- The alleged abuser has care and support needs and may also be at risk.

Workers and volunteers within sports and physical activity organisations should always share safeguarding concerns in line with their organisation's policy, usually with their safeguarding lead or welfare officer in the first instance, except in emergency situations. If it does not increase the risk to the individual, the worker or volunteer should explain to them that it is their duty to share their concern with their safeguarding lead or welfare officer.

The safeguarding lead or welfare officer will then consider the situation and plan the actions that need to be taken, in conjunction with the adult at risk and in line with the organisation's policy and procedures and local safeguarding adults board policy and procedures.

To make an adult safeguarding referral you need to call the local safeguarding adults' team. This may be part of a MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub). A conversation can be had with the safeguarding adult's team without disclosing the identity of the person in the first instance. If it is thought that a referral needs to be made to the safeguarding adult's team, consent should be sought where possible from the adult at risk.

Individuals may not give their consent to the sharing of safeguarding information with the safeguarding adult's team for a number of reasons. Reassurance, appropriate



support and revisiting the issues at another time may help to change their view on whether it is best to share information.

If they still do not consent, then their wishes should usually be respected. However, there are circumstances where information can be shared without consent such as when the adult does not have the capacity to consent, it is in the public interest because it may affect other people, or a serious crime has been committed. This should always be discussed with your safeguarding lead and the local authority safeguarding adults' team. This is repeat of above

If someone does not want you to share information outside of the organisation or you do not have consent to share the information, ask yourself the following questions:

Is the adult placing themselves at further risk of harm?

Is someone else likely to get hurt? Repetitive again.

Has a criminal offence occurred?

This includes: theft or burglary of items, physical abuse, sexual abuse, forced to give extra money for lessons (financial abuse) or harassment.

Is there suspicion that a crime has occurred?

If the answer to any of the questions above is 'yes' - then you can share without consent and need to share the information.

When sharing information there are seven Golden Rules that should always be followed. Seek advice if in any doubt

Be transparent - The Data Protection Act (DPA) is not a barrier to sharing information but to ensure that personal information is shared appropriately; except in circumstances where by doing so places the person at significant risk of harm.

Consider the public interest - Base all decisions to share information on the safety and well-being of that person or others who may be affected by their actions.

Share with consent where appropriate - Where possible, respond to the wishes of those who do not consent to share confidential information. You may still share information without consent, if this is in the public interest.

Keep a record - Record your decision and reasons to share or not share information. Accurate, necessary, proportionate, relevant and secure - Ensure all information shared is accurate, up-to-date, necessary and share with only those who need to have it.

Remember the purpose of the Data Protection Act (DPA) is to ensure personal information is shared appropriately, except in circumstances where by doing so may place the person or others at significant harm. Repeated from above

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**Legislation and Government Initiatives are documented here, links provided for ease of access.**

### **Wales - Social Services and Well Being Act 2014**

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/pdfs/anaw\\_20140004\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/pdfs/anaw_20140004_en.pdf)

Reforms and integrates social services law making provisions for improving well-being outcomes for people who need care and support. Requiring coordination and partnership by public authorities to improve well being. It replaces No Secrets and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing.

### **England - Care Act 2014 – statutory guidance**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/introduction/enacted>

The Care Act introduces new responsibilities for local authorities. It also has major implications for adult care and support providers, people who use services, carers and advocates. It replaces No Secrets and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing.

### **Scotland - Adult Support and Protection Act 2007**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2007/10/contents>

Introduced new measures to identify and protect individuals by defining adults at risk. Placing a duty on Local Authorities to identify and prevent harm whilst requiring partnership working. It replaces No Secrets and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing.

### **Northern Ireland - Adult Safeguarding Prevention and Protection in Partnership 2015**

<https://www.eani.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-11/Adult%20Safeguarding%20-%20Prevention%20and%20Protection%20in%20Partnership.%20DHSSPS%202015.pdf>

Implemented to improve safeguarding arrangements for adults who are at risk of harm from abuse, exploitation or neglect. The framework is to provide support and effective protective interventions, placing significant emphasis on prevention and early intervention. It also seeks to ensure that access to justice is available to adults that have been harmed. It replaces No Secrets and puts adult safeguarding on a statutory footing.

### **Protection of Freedoms Act 2012**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/9/contents/enacted>

Brought about a wide range of measures, regarding numerous areas of law. Notably changes to the vetting and barring system to create the Disclosure and Barring Service.

### **Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims (Amendment) Act 2012**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/4/contents/enacted>

Creates an offence of causing or allowing the death or serious harm of a child or adult at risk for those within the household.

### **Equality Act 2010**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents>

The Act legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society. It replaced previous anti-discrimination laws with a single Act, making the law easier to understand and strengthening protection in some situations.

### **England & Wales - Mental Capacity Act 2005**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/introduction>

Its general principle is that everybody has capacity unless it is proved otherwise, that they should be supported to make their own decisions, that anything done for or on behalf of people without capacity must be in their best interests and there should be least restrictive intervention. [www.dca.gov.uk](http://www.dca.gov.uk)

### **Scotland - Adults with Incapacity Act 2000**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2000/4/contents>

Provides ways to help safeguard the welfare and finances of people who lack capacity.

### **Northern Ireland - Mental Capacity 2016**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2016/18/contents/enacted>

Combines mental health and capacity within one piece of legislation. Considers the individuals capacity to independently make decisions about their health, welfare or finances, and the safeguards that must be put in place if they lack the capacity to do so.

### **Sexual Offences Act 1956**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Eliz2/4-5/69/contents>

This Act consolidated the law relating to sexual offences committed between 1957 and 2004. It was mostly repealed by the Sexual Offences Act of 2003 below, but sections 33 to 37 still survive.

### **Sexual Offences Act 2003**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/contents>

The Sexual Offences Act introduced a number of new offences concerning adults at risk and children. [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)

### **Human Rights Act 1998**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents>

Designed to incorporate into UK law the rights contained in the European Convention on Human Rights. The Act makes a remedy for breach of a Convention right available in UK courts, without the need to go to the European Court. In particular, the Act makes it unlawful for any public body to act in a way which is incompatible with the Convention, unless the wording of any other primary legislation provides no other choice.

### **Data Protection Act 2018 (including General Data Protection Regulations)**

**2018 Act** - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted>

**GDPR** - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016R0679&from=EN>

the original 1998 DPA was superseded in May 2018. The new Act supplements the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into effect later the same month. The Act is designed to protect personal data stored on computers or on paper, regulating collection, storage, and use. The Act provides individuals with the legal rights to control information about themselves.

### **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/47/contents>

Introduced the new Vetting and Barring Scheme and the role of the Independent Safeguarding Authority. The Act places a statutory duty on all those working with vulnerable groups to register and undergo an advanced vetting process with criminal sanctions for non-compliance. [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)

### **Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dh-mental-capacity-act-2005-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards>

Introduced into the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and came into force in April 2009. Designed to provide appropriate safeguards for vulnerable people who have a mental disorder and lack the capacity to consent to the arrangements made for their care or treatment, and who may be deprived of their liberty in their best interests in order to protect them from harm.

### **Disclosure & Barring Service 2013**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service/about>

Criminal record checks: guidance for employers - How employers or organisations can request criminal records checks on potential employees from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). [www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service](http://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service)

### **Making Safeguarding Personal Guide 2014**

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/5852661/Making+Safeguarding+Personal+-+Guide+2014/4213d016-2732-40d4-bbc0-d0d8639ef0df>

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