

ADULT SAFEGUARDING - GP REFERRAL

Step 1: Identify adults who may be vulnerable

See attached documents for definitions and further guidance



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Safeguarding
Adults.pdf



Step 2: Has harm or abuse occurred?

If harm or abuse has occurred, or where an individual is at risk, a referral should be made to Adult Social Services.

Always consider whether there are any doubts about an adult's decision-making capacity as a Mental Capacity Act assessment may be necessary in order to support actions that may be required. In addition, consider whether there are any children at risk and make appropriate onward referrals.



To discuss an issue where there is a concern or make an adult safeguarding referral, please contact the following numbers, dependent on geographical location:

Dorset County Council	Tel: 01305 221016
Bournemouth Borough Council	Tel: 01202 454979
The Borough of Poole	Tel: 01202 633902
Out of hours service	Tel: 01202 657279

If you think an adult may be at immediate risk or harm, contact the Police: 999

Please note: information may need to be shared without consent where individuals are judged at risk of significant harm.