



If you are concerned that an adult is at risk of harm, you need to pass on your concern. Unless it is an emergency, your concern should go to your Safeguarding Lead. You do not need the adult's consent to do this. If it is an emergency, contact the emergency services immediately.

Your Safeguarding Lead does not need the adult's consent to make an ASP (Adult Support and Protection) Referral to your council, but they will talk to the adult about their wishes and feelings and make sure that they are sharing information appropriately.

If you have passed on a concern and you are still worried about the adult, your organisation's safeguarding policy should tell you what to do to escalate a concern within or outside your organisation. Your local council's website will also tell you how anyone can make an ASP referral for an adult in their council area.

Under the Adult Support and Protection Act, the Council is the Lead Agency for safeguarding adults, but all organisations who have contact with the adult have a responsibility to pass on concerns, work together and work in ways that support and protect adults at risk.

Any action taken under the Act, should be the least restrictive option, should be for the benefit of the adult and they should be (where at all possible) involved in decision making processes. If you know the adult and their wishes and feelings, pass these on when you pass on your concern so that the person is kept at the centre of the safeguarding process.