# Adults at Risk of Harm



Creating safer places. Together.

# Introductions





2.5 hours 2 short breaks



Sensitive and confidential



Link for slides and handbook



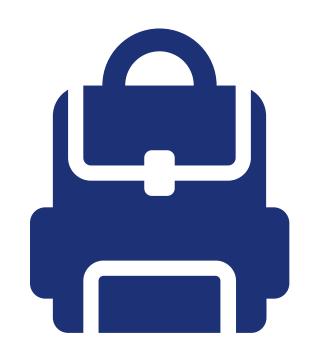
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Webcam and microphones



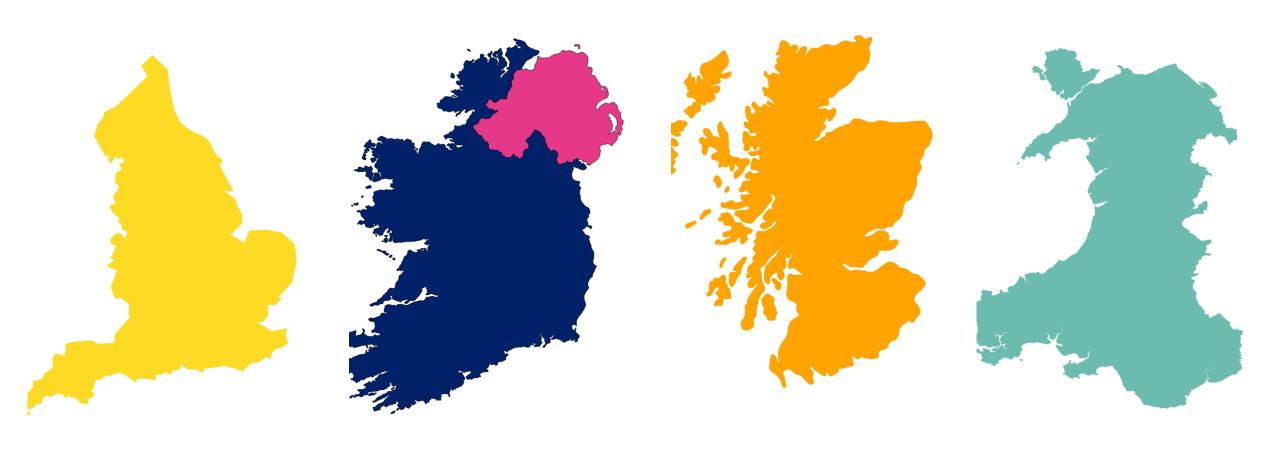
**Chat facility** 







## **UK 4 Nations**



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#### In this module:

Recognise the experiences that increase vulnerability

Recognise what safeguarding looks like for adults

**Recognise** the signs and indicators of harm



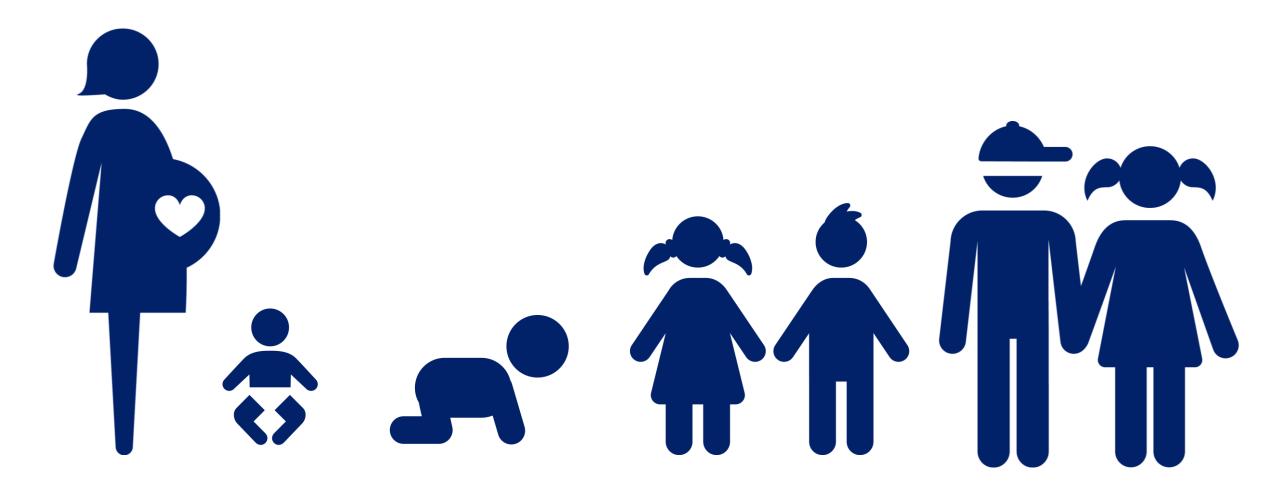
#### Pause and consider:

Adult and child safeguarding:

- Similarities?
- Differences?



## Vulnerability at different stages of childhood...



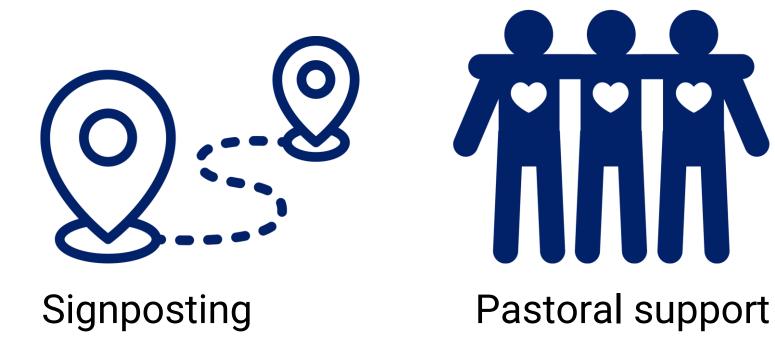
## Vulnerability at different times in adulthood:



### Adults at Risk / In Need of Protection

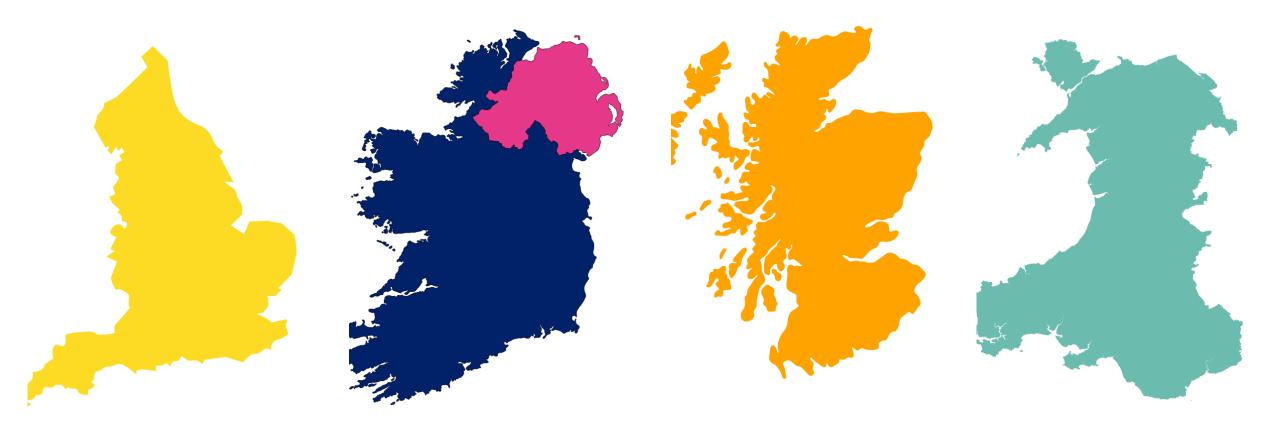
- 18 years or over (16+ in Scotland)
- At risk of harm
- Unable to safeguard themselves
- Increased vulnerability\*

## Support and / or safeguarding?





# Legislation: Handbook page 11 and...



Pages: 12 - 18

Pages: 19 - 26

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# Categories of harm and abuse 🧵 🎏 🏂









**Physical** 

**Emotional** / **Psychological** 

**Neglect** 

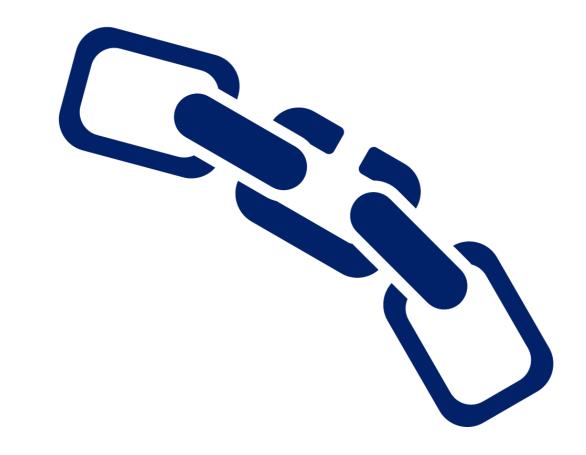
Sexual

**Financial** 

Other forms of harm and abuse named in legislation across the UK...



## Recognising all harm...





## Other contemporary concerns

- Cuckooing
- Online harm
- Romance Fraud
- Radicalisation

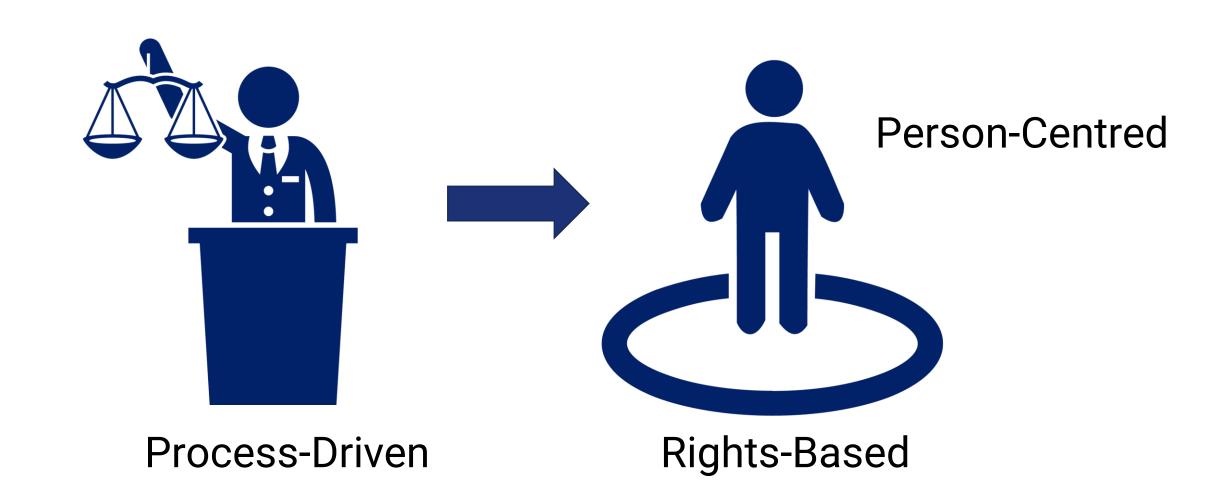
- Self-harm
- Stalking
- Mate and hate crime



## Signs and Indicators of Abuse



## **Approaches to Safeguarding Adults**





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#### In this module:

- **Respond:** Listening well
- **Respond:** Scenarios
- Respond: Challenges and motivations



## Responding well - Do...

- Listen actively
- Keep calm
- Reassure and reaffirm
- Ask what they need / want

## Responding well: Don't...

- Promise secrecy
- Investigate or be a hero
- Excuse, minimise or blame

#### **Case Scenarios**

- 1. Concerns?
- 2. Adult at Risk?
- 3. Response?



#### Scenario 1 - Aoife

- Husband manages her money
- Allowance, receipts, asking for extra
- "'I'm no good with money,' he says..."

#### Scenario 2 - Dawit

Lost mobility due to illness, needs care

Staff not using safe procedures

Bruises and distress

#### Scenario 3 - Zeva

• 19 Years old, in UK for 9 months

Can't afford to phone family, no time off

No English classes, isolated

#### Scenario 4 - Mhairi

Active church member for 6 years

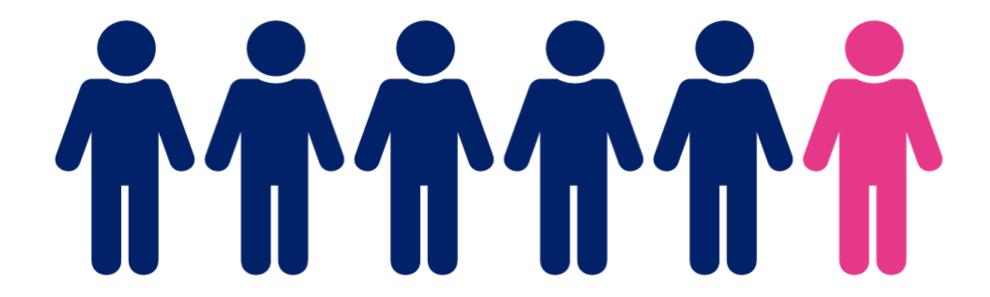
Change in behaviour and demeanour

Changes to home and garden

#### Scenario 5 - Sadie

- Missed a couple of weeks, looks tired
- Grandson staying, collecting pension and shopping
- Friends at all times of day and night

#### A note on elder abuse...



#### Scenario 6 - Osian and Cerys

12-year-old son, ADHD and ASD diagnosis

Physically and verbally abusive

Doesn't want dad to get angry

#### Scenario 7 - Eddie

Girlfriend 'overbearing and controlling'

Afraid to leave the relationship

"I don't know what to do"

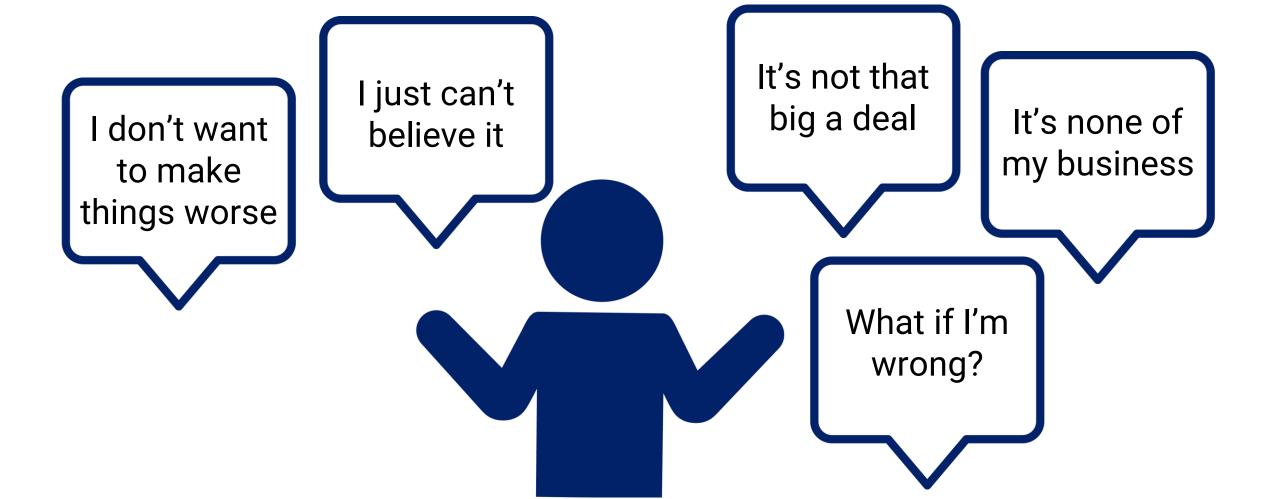
#### Scenario 8 - Jason

New person attending church

Been in prison, wants to turn his life around

Cut and bruise above his eye

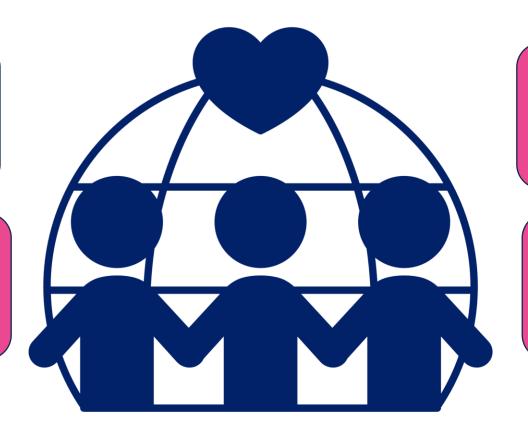
## Challenges of responding:



#### Why we respond anyway:

It is everyone's responsibility

We only ever have part of the picture



Right to live free from harm

The effects of abuse

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#### In this module:

- Record: What, when and why?
- Record: Considerations around capacity
- Record: Enabling Advocacy



#### Recording disclosures or concerns

- Facts: Who, what, where, when
- Clarify, don't lead: **Tell, Explain, Describe (TED)**
- Adult's own words
- Pass it on





# 

# Record: Considerations around capacity

What is 'mental capacity'?



## Mental (in)capacity

- Ability to make a particular decision
- Covered by law
- Reasons a person may lack capacity...

understand

retain

capacity

weigh-up

communicate

# Mental Capacity: A rights-based approach

- Benefit / Best interest
- Supported to make individual decisions
- Unwise decisions
- Least restrictive option



## **Mental Capacity: Advocacy**

- Rights and best interests
- Amplify the adult's voice
- Independent or connected
- Advocate for advocacy!



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#### In this module:

Report: All concerns

Report: Consent to refer on

Report: Considering Risk



### Worried? Report your concern

- Talk to your safeguarding lead
- Emergency phone 999
- Helpline, Thirtyone:eight or others

#### Consent to report

- Internal: safeguarding lead / adult safeguarding champion
- Always seek consent

#### Pause and consider:

Why might someone say no?



## No consent: Support and Understanding

- Do they understand the implications?
- Can you provide more information?
- Open door for the future

#### No consent: Risk assessment

- Is anyone else at risk?
- Serious crime?
- Serious harm?

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#### In this module:

- Reflect: Learn from experience
- Reflect: Keep the person at the centre
- Reflect: How safe is our culture?



# Why reflect?

- Learn from experience
- Ever-evolving landscape
- Keep everyone safer
- Create a reflective culture



"What good is it making someone safer if it merely makes them miserable?"

- Lord Justice Munby, 2007

## Reflect:



# Review of learning objectives

- Recognise
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# I have learnt.....



# Your feedback is important to us

