

West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Version 2.

(Adult Safeguarding: Multi-agency policy & procedures for the protection of adults with care & support needs in the West Midlands.)

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Summary of changes

Section	Change
West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures	
Location in v1.0	
Page 1.	Version control lines updated on cover page.
Page 2.	List of contributors outdated, so removed. New West Midlands Adult Safeguarding leads logo added.
Page 3- Foreword	Foreword updated.
Section 1.2.	4 th bullet point – “adults” changed to “adults with care and support needs”. For the avoidance of doubt on the intended scope of the policy.
Section 3.4. Types of abuse or neglect.	In the Types of Abuse or neglect, a new section (s3.4.11) has been added entitled “Exploitation”. The section covers types of harm that arise through the umbrella context of exploitation, and covers the developing awareness of the harm that can be experienced through criminal exploitation.
Section 3.4.5.	Three paragraphs added to Financial or Material Abuse section to describe financial scams.
Section 4.4. Hate Crime.	Two new paragraphs added in relation to Mate Crime. Content taken from Worcestershire SAB publications.
Section 4.9. Transitions	This section has been rewritten to take account of the 2018 “Transitional Safeguarding” RiPfA/RiP strategic briefing. Now references not only care leavers, but the wider scope of individuals who prepare for adulthood and how adult safeguarding duties may apply. Section re-titled “Preparing for adulthood (transitional safeguarding)”- this reflects the terminology used in the 2018 RiPfA/RiP publication.
Section 10. Position of trust	Section updated to reference the West Midlands Adult Position of Trust framework.
Section 4.14 (New)	New section added relating to homelessness. References the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, and the duty to refer.
Section 4.15. (New)	New section added relating to Social Media and Cyber-Bullying.
5.11 - 5.11.5. Role of the NHS	Section rewritten to update roles of NHS England, NHS Improvement, and CCG’s.
6.1. Information sharing	Section updated to reflect the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation.
Page 71. Detailed flowchart.	Slight change to wording in flowchart box “Consider what other advice/action or information is needed” to “Alternative responses: Consider what other advice/action or information is needed”. This uses the “Alternative responses”

	terminology used in the 2019 LDA/ADASS framework document, <i>Making decisions on the duty to carry out Safeguarding Adults enquiries</i> .
Page 82. Concern decision making flowchart	As above, introduces the “Alternative responses” terminology into the flowchart when the decision is that the concern does not meet s42 enquiry criteria. Referral for Carers Assessment added into the list of examples of alternative responses.
Page 89. Good practice guide	As above, introduces the “Alternative responses” terminology and adds referral for Carers Assessment into the list of examples of alternative responses
Glossary & abbreviations.	The Glossary section has been reviewed to ensure it remains relevant to the updated content.

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