

West Midlands Adult Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Version 3.

(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 key changes-

- New section 3.5 – Context of abuse, including exploitation, sexual and criminal exploitation including County Lines and cuckooing, and Modern Slavery. Working with trauma sub-section added
- Domestic Abuse Section reviewed and updated to reflect Domestic Abuse Act 2021, and new *Good Practice Guide* section covering use of the DASH Risk Indicator Checklist with adults with needs for care & support.
- New content added – Professional curiosity, Think Family, Fabricated and Induced Illness, and safer recruiting practice.
- Strengthened content added in relation to intimate and sexual relationships with people in a position of trust, referencing Sections 38-44 of the Sexual Offences Act.
- Given the lack of clarity in the future of the DoLS/LPS, reference added to the Liberty Protection Safeguards while maintaining the existing DoLS frameworks.

Full list of revisions-

Section / Page	Change
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Location in v2.0	
Page 1	Version control lines updated on cover page.
Page 3	Minor rewording to second paragraph and signatory updated.
Section 1.5.1	Minor rewording.
Section 1.5.2	Additional of reference to Liberty Protection Safeguards.
Section 1.5.3	Checked for factual accuracy and minor rewording.
Section 2	New subsection/good practice guide added after section 2.4. Professional curiosity.
Section 2	New subsection/good practice guide added after section 2.5. Think Family
Section 2.3	MSP section – content reviewed and updated.

Section 2.6	First bullet point- minor rewording. Sixth bullet point. Whistleblowing legislation. Checked for factual accuracy.
Section 2.7	First bullet point. Checked for factual accuracy.
Page 7 & throughout	Change from Clinical Commissioning Group to Integrated Care Boards.
Sections 3.4-3.6	New paragraph inserted in section 3.4 and sections 3.5 & 3.6 deleted.
Section 3.4	Types of abuse moved to new section 3.6.
Section 3.5	New section included- "Context of abuse"
Section 3.5	New section 3.5.11 added – Working with trauma
Section 3.4.2	Domestic abuse. Section reviewed and updated to reflect Domestic Abuse Act 2021. New <i>Good Practice Guide</i> section added related to use of the DASH RIC with adults with needs for care & support.
Section 3.4.3	Sexual abuse. New subheading and content added in relation to intimate and sexual relationships with people in a position of trust. To reference Sections 38-44 of the Sexual Offences Act, and strengthen content in this area.
Section 3.4.6	Modern slavery content deleted. Now covered in new Section 3.5.
Section 3.4.7	Discriminatory abuse. Section rewritten and includes reference here to Hate crime / Mate crime.
Page 14 & throughout	Terminology change where relevant from Alleged Perpetrator to Source of Risk.
Section 3.7 & 4.3	Existing sections 3.7 Mental Capacity and section 4.3 Consent moved and combined to become new section 4.2. Capacity & Consent. Brief explanation of executive functioning added.
Section 4.2	Changed to Section 4.3. Section relating to DOLS reviewed and condensed.
Section 4.4	Hate crime / Mate crime. Section deleted - now covered in new section 3.6.6.
Section 4.5	Exploitation by radicalisers who promote violence. Section deleted. Covered in new Section 3.5.
Section 4.7	Allegations against Carers who are relatives or friends. Section reviewed and rewritten. New subsection added relating to Fabricated and Induced Illness, including link to 2022 FII SAR.
Section 4.8	Minor rewording.
Section 4.9.	Section updated to reflect new agency terminology for HM Prison Service and Probation Service.
Section 4.10.	Section reviewed and condensed.
Section 4.11.	Terminology updated to reflect new title for HM Prison & Probation service.
Section 4.13.	Minor rewording.
Section 4.15.	Section deleted. Content outdated and appropriately covered elsewhere.
Section 5.10.	Role of the Police and Judicial System. Content checked for accuracy by Police representative. Confirmed as accurate, and no changes made.
Section 5.11	Role of the NHS – updated content to reflect change to Integrated Care Boards.
Section 5.20	Role of Probation services. Content updated.
Section 5.23	Role of Health and Social Care Providers. Section updated to Role of Social

	Care Providers. Role of Health Providers now covered in Role of the NHS Section. New final paragraph relating to safer recruiting practice and signposting to Better Hiring Institute toolkit.
Section 6.	Section 6 Supporting Processes merged with existing Section 4 Related Issues to become new Section 4 Related Issues and Supporting Processes.
Section 6.1	Information sharing and confidentiality. Section reviewed and revised.
Section 6.14	Section updated to reference Working Together 2018 and updated arrangements for CSPR and CDOP.
Section 8.5.8	Reporting without consent. Section reviewed and revised.
Section 9.3.	Concern Decision Making Roles & Responsibilities. Rewording to illustrate the importance of multi-agency working/input at this stage.
Section 9.5.4.3	Minor rewording.
Glossary	GP definition. Removal of last sentence.
Glossary	New line to explain Liberty Protection Safeguards.

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