



UPDATE: Recognising and reporting abuse and neglect, and receiving concerns and undertaking enquiries

The Sussex Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures have been updated to better reflect scenarios in which abuse might take place, as well as provide information about the new Patient Safety Incident Response Framework.

The key changes made to sections 2.1-2.3 are:

- Clearer information regarding undertaking an enquiry.
- The inclusion of information about the Patient Safety Incident Response Framework, which sets out the NHS' approach to developing and maintaining effective systems and processes for responding to patient safety incidents for the purpose of learning and improved patient safety; this replaces the Serious Incident Process.
- The inclusion of information about romance fraud, and domestic abuse as defined by the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, including non-fatal strangulation and survival sex/sexual exploitation.
- The inclusion of harmful traditional practices and the Serious Violence Duty, when outlining scenarios in which abuse might take place.

Please do familiarise yourself with these updates and share this information within your organisations.

Safeguarding Adults Boards operate at a strategic level to safeguard adults in their area. Each Safeguarding Adults Board is comprised of an Independent Chair, the Local Authority, Integrated Care Board, Police, and a range of other agencies.

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