

Surrey & Sussex / Kent & Medway Safeguarding Contacts

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Who needs safeguarding?

Children: The Children Act 1989 and 2004 defines a child as anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday

Vulnerable or 'at risk' adults: The Care Act 2014 defines this as anyone over the age of 18 who: **a)** Has needs for care or support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs. **b)** Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and **c)** as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

If a child or vulnerable adult is at immediate risk call the Police tel: 999

What should we be protecting children and vulnerable adults from?

- Physical abuse
- Domestic Violence / Abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Psychological / Emotional abuse
- Financial or material abuse
- Modern Slavery
- Discriminatory abuse
- Organisational abuse
- Neglect & Acts of omission
- Self-neglect

Taken from the Care Act 2014—Care and Support Statutory Guidance (Oct 14)

Useful Info for recognising signs & symptoms:

Children: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Adults: <https://www.scie.org.uk/publications/atagance/69-adults-safeguarding-types-and-indicators-of-abuse.asp>

"I'm sure someone will have already reported it"

"I don't want to cause any trouble"

"I don't know much about safeguarding"

Abuse and neglect can have very real and lasting consequences for the person involved. By speaking out you could help to make a real difference.

If you have any concerns about a safeguarding issue, please contact one of the local authority teams listed below.

Or contact the NHS England Safeguarding Team ENGLAND.safeguarding@nhs.net

Sussex Safeguarding and Child Protection Contacts

Local contacts can be found here:

The Sussex Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Important-Information-About-The-Multi-Agency-Safeguarding-Hub-PDF.pdf>

<i>Child protection</i>	01403 229900 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 01403 229900 (Out of hours)
<i>Adult protection</i>	033 022 28400 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 033 022 27007 (Out of hours)

Surrey Safeguarding and Child Protection Contacts:

The Surrey Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/concerned-for-someones-safety>

<i>Child protection</i>	0300 470 9100 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 01483 517898 (Out of hours)
<i>Adult protection</i>	0300 470 9100 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 01483 517898 (Out of hours)

Kent and Medway Safeguarding and Child Protection Contacts

Local contacts and procedures can be found here:

<https://www.kscmp.org.uk/>

<i>Child protection</i>	03000 41 11 11 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 03000 41 91 91 (Out of hours)
<i>Adult protection</i>	03000 41 61 61 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm) 03000 41 91 91 (Out of hours)

All verbal referrals must be followed up in writing within 48 hours.

- A copy of the referral must be filed in the clinical record.
- The professional that made the referral must determine the outcome of the referral. If the professional disagrees with the decision made, they should escalate their concerns.
- See Websites for details of escalation process