Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility

Who needs safeguarding?

**Children:** The Children’s 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:

- Has needs for care or support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs).
- Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and
- As a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

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

Abuse and neglect 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 overleaf.

Or contact the NHS England Wessex Patient Experience Team for a confidential discussion on England.wesssexsafeguarding@nhs.net

Useful info for recognising signs & symptoms:

**Children:** https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/signs-symptoms-effects/

**Adults:** http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/elearning/adultsafeguarding/resource/2_study_area_3_4.html

Making a safeguarding referral to the local authority

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Please remember to keep a record of, and follow up on any referrals you make.

MASH = Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.

Wessex MASH contact list—as at 20 Sep 2016