



Reporting Adult Safeguarding Concerns

Criteria for reporting Adult Abuse to the Local Authority.

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Agencies are expected to have met the criteria detailed below before raising the Safeguarding concern with the Local Authority. Agencies will be required to gather sufficient information prior to raising an alert.

Agencies should gather and consider as much information as possible including use of the LSAB guidance toolkit (www.lancashire.gov.uk/safeguarding) when making an assessment against the criteria below to provide an indication of whether the incident requires reporting to the Local Authority and meets the threshold of the Care act for Safeguarding.

Where this falls short of meeting all aspects of the criteria set out below, you should make appropriate local arrangements and undertake actions as advised in the LSAB guidance.

Please follow the flow chart below. If at any point the answer is no, then the Local Authority is not the responsible partner and you should take appropriate local responses or contact the Police | Emergency Services if appropriate.

Step 1 Care & Support Needs Eligibility – Apply the criteria

1. Do the individual's needs arise from a physical or mental impairment or illness?

If yes, please state these in as much detail as possible and progress to Question 2.

2. Do these needs mean the adult is unable to achieve 2 or more of the listed outcomes below? *If yes, please state which ones and how?*

Guidance:

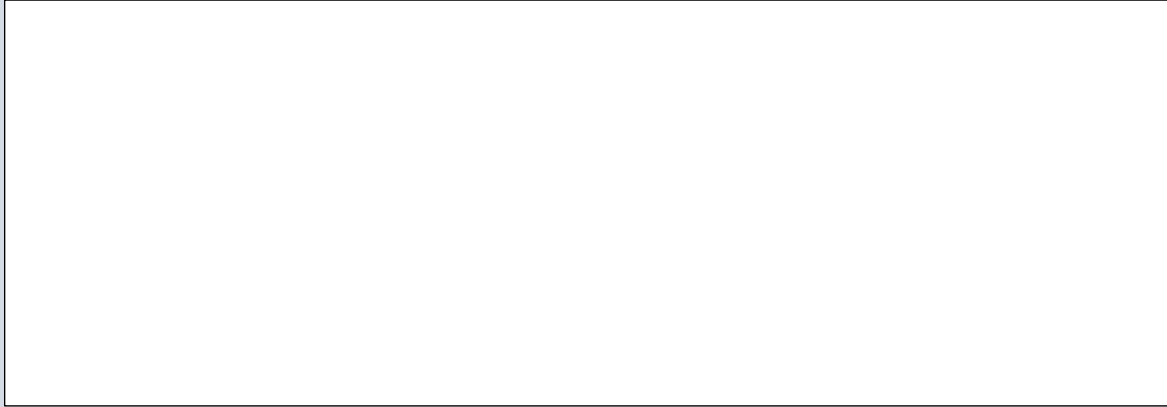
The individual is regarded as being unable to achieve an outcome if they are:

- *unable to achieve it without assistance*
- *able to achieve it without assistance but doing so causes them significant pain, distress or anxiety*
- *able to achieve it without assistance but doing so endangers or is likely to endanger their health or safety, or of others*
- *able to achieve it without assistance but takes significantly longer than would normally be expected*

Outcomes (Please tick as appropriate and describe why and how below)

- Access food & drink to maintain nutrition & able to prepare, eat & drink
- Wash themselves and launder clothes
- Use the toilet & manage toilet needs
- Dress themselves and appropriately for cold weather
- Keep their homes sufficiently clean and safe
- Needs prevent them from maintaining relationships with family & friends
- They feel lonely & isolated
- Able to get around in the community safely and able to use facilities/services i.e. public transport, shops & recreational facilities?
- Need support when attending healthcare appointments?
- Have parenting or other caring responsibilities e.g. as parent, step-parent, grandparent

3. With consideration of the above, is there consequently a significant impact on Adult wellbeing? *Please describe what is significantly impacting on their wellbeing and how?*



If you have answered YES to ALL parts in Step 1 please progress to Step 2 of the criteria on the following page.

If you have answered NO to ANY parts to Step 1 please DO NOT progress any further. You should instead make appropriate local arrangements and consult the LSAB guidance available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/safeguarding.

Step 2 Apply the Care Act 2014 - Section 42 criteria



1. Is the adult experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect in one or multiple of the following categories? Please describe as fully as possible what this is and progress to Question 2.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical | <input type="checkbox"/> Organisational Institutional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect or Acts of omission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychological Emotional | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-neglect Abuse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Material | <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Slavery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discriminatory | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse |

2. Is the adult unable to protect themselves because of their care and support needs?

*Please describe as a result of their care and support needs **why** they are unable to protect themselves.*

If you have answered YES to ALL parts in Step 2 please progress to Step 3 of the criteria on the following page.

If you have answered NO to ANY parts to Step 2 please DO NOT progress any further. You should instead make appropriate local arrangements and consult the LSB guidance available at www.lancashire.gov.uk/safeguarding

Step 3. Apply the Guidance

Consult and apply the full LSAB guidance found here [Traffic light guidance & Appendices](#) and undertake the actions required
A quick guide is provided below



Guidance ref	Incident	Action
	Low Risk, no harm/isolated incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake the appropriate actions to resolve provided in the LSAB guidance. Complete own agency Safeguarding process & procedure. Safeguarding concern is not to be reported to Local authority.
	Medium risk, some harm or risk of harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather more information and consult own Safeguarding process and procedure. Undertake appropriate actions to resolve provided in the LSAB guidance to identify next steps. After consideration, it is possible a Safeguarding concern needs to be reported to the authority if appropriate.
	Medium to high risk, some or significant harm or risk of harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake appropriate actions to resolve. Complete own agency Safeguarding procedure. Report concern to Local Authority via www.lancashire.gov.uk/safeguarding