

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding is fundamental to high-quality health and social care. It means protecting health, well-being and human rights, and enabling people to live free from harm, abuse and neglect.

Overview

Safeguarding vulnerable adults and promoting their welfare includes:

- Protecting their rights to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect
- People and organisations working together to prevent the risk of abuse or neglect, and to stop them from happening
- Making sure people's well-being is promoted, taking their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs into account

A vulnerable adult is a person who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness, and who is or may be unable to take care of him or herself. Abuse is defined as "a violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons."

It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that it has in place internal policies and procedures that will enable it to interact appropriately with other agencies in the protection of vulnerable adults. They must also ensure that its staff are appropriately trained in the use of these policies and procedures.

Key Outcomes

- Understanding the Law and National Guidance
- Know the guidelines surrounding safeguarding and understanding types of abuse
- Identifying signs and indicators of abuse
- Exploring disclosures and referral
- Understanding information sharing
- Know how to access appropriate support

Course Outline

- Law and National Guidance
- Who is a vulnerable adult?
- Principles of, and types of abuse
- Signs and indicators
- How to respond to concerns
- Responsibilities of staff and agencies
- Capabilities and consent – including mental capacity
- Sources of advice and support

Everyone has an important role to play in protecting vulnerable adults. This includes recognising, recording, reporting and referring concerns about abuse. Concerns may be raised by anyone working with, or who knows, the vulnerable adult. This includes all health professionals, care staff (care home or community), members of the public, friends and family, or by the adult themselves.

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Primary Care Staff Member

109,000
safeguarding referrals
were opened in
2013

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Key Points

- Two Hour Course
- Courses can be delivered at a venue of your choice
- Course facilitators can be from either health or social care backgrounds
- Contact Enable East on 01206 287543 or email enableeast@enableeast.org.uk