



Review Sheet

Last Reviewed 06/03/2023	Last Amended 06/03/2023	Next Planned Review in 12 months, or sooner as required.
Business impact	Changes are important, but urgent implementation is not required, incorporate into your existing workflow. MEDIUM IMPACT	
Reason for this review	Scheduled review	
Were changes made?	Yes	
Summary:	This policy sets out the approach to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of vulnerable adults. It has been reviewed and updated following the Domestic Abuse Bill which passed both Houses of Parliament and was signed into law on 29 April 2021. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 raises awareness and understanding about the devastating impact of domestic abuse on victims and their families. The procedure at section 5.8 has been updated to refer to the new Domestic Violence and Abuse Policy and Procedure. A new definition has been added about Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA), and further reading has been added with a link to the Domestic Abuse Act: Factsheet. References have been reviewed and updated.	
Relevant legislation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Section 20-25 • Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018 • Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 • Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended 2007) • Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 • Serious Crime Act 2015 • Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 • Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 • The Care Act 2014 • Equality Act 2010 • Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Registration and Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 • Human Rights Act 1998 • Medical Act 1983 • Mental Capacity Act 2005 • Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice • Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (links to) The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Disclosure and Barring Service Transfer of Functions) Order 2012 • Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 	



<p>Underpinning knowledge - What have we used to ensure that the policy is current:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Author: NICE, (2018), <i>Decision-making and mental capacity (NG108)</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng108 [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: NHS England, (2017), <i>Safeguarding Adults</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/adult-pocket-guide.pdf [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: British Medical Association, (2020), <i>Adult Safeguarding Ethics Toolkit</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/ethics/adult-safeguarding-ethics-toolkit [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: RCGP, (2019), <i>RCGP supplementary guide to safeguarding training requirements for all primary care staff</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.rcgp.org.uk/-/media/Files/CIRC/Safeguarding/Safeguarding-training-requirements-for-Primary-Care-FINAL.ashx?la=en [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: GOV.UK, (2011), <i>Guidance - Safeguarding Adults: The role of health services</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-adults-the-role-of-health-services [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: Nursing and Midwifery Council, (2018), <i>Adult Safeguarding: Roles and Competencies for Health Care Staff</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-007069 [Accessed: 17/6/2021]• Author: CQC, (2021), <i>Nigel's surgery 25: Safeguarding adults at risk</i>. [Online] Available from: https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/gps/nigels-surgery-25-safeguarding-adults-risk [Accessed: 17/6/2021]
<p>Suggested action:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage sharing the policy through the use of the QCS App• Share 'Key Facts' with all staff• Develop training sessions for relevant staff• Ensure relevant staff are aware of the content of the whole policy
<p>Equality Impact Assessment:</p>	<p>QCS have undertaken an equality analysis during the review of this policy. This statement is a written record that demonstrates that we have shown due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations with respect to the characteristics protected by equality law.</p>