



POLICY DOCUMENT

*Safeguarding Adults at Risk
Policy and Procedures*

New College is committed to ensuring a safe and supportive environment for its Members and visitors. The College recognises that there are a number of circumstances in which adults at risk will come on

New College   Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

The NHS outlines seven categories of abuse of adults at risk. Abuse may comprise a single act or repeated acts.

Physical È the physical hurting or injuring of an adult at risk, including denying them food, water, or assistance going to the bathroom if needed, and the misuse of their medicines.

Psychological È the persistent emotional maltreatment of an adult at risk which results in severe or persistent adverse effects.

Sexual È the forcing or pressuring an adult at risk to take part in sexual activities. The activities may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration or non-penetrative acts. They may also include non-contact activities such as involving looking at, or in the production of, pornographic material.

Domestic È a pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behavior, violence or abuse, typically by someone who is or has been an intimate partner or family member.

It is the responsibility of the DSL to act on behalf of the College in dealing with allegations or suspicion of abuse. It is the task of Social Services, not the College, to investigate the matter, under *Section 42 of the Care Act 2014*. Under no circumstances should a College Member conduct their own investigation into suspicions or allegations of abuse, neither should they question an adult at risk closely, as to do so may distort any investigation that may be carried out subsequently by the Police or Social Services.

If a an adult at risk says something or acts in such a way that abuse is suspected, the person receiving the information should:

- React in a calm but concerned way;
- Tell the adult at risk that thye are right to share what has happened, and that

weekends), contact should be made with the Social Services Emergency Duty Team on 0800 833408. In an emergency, dial 999.

5 All College Members are required to report or act on any disclosures or allegations of abuse that involve a College Member or that have taken place at the College or on College business.

It is recognised that College members may need support after receiving a disclosure from an adult at risk, and support will be offered by the College

When a concern arises, there are three processes that may need to take place:

- An adult at risk protection investigation;
- A criminal investigation;
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(<https://www.oscb.org.uk/booking-training/>) *An Introduction to Safeguarding*, together with any additional training that may have been identified by the risk assessment process.

13.2 Anyone holding the role of Safeguarding Officer and their deputies will undergo detailed training in safeguarding issues on a regular basis

13.3 Activity organisers (for example, involving residential courses for young people) may wish to arrange additional training

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