

What to do if you have a concern about an Adult?

Do you have a concern about an adult based on observation, disclosure, or an allegation?

If there is an immediate risk and you need to ensure the immediate safety or medical welfare of an adult.

Call the police (999) or call for an ambulance 101)

If someone is **NOT** in immediate danger?

Where possible, speak to your tutor or centre manager and let them know of your concerns, they will then collect as much information from yourself about the concern (Please note that the information you share, will be treated with discretion, but is not confidential and will be disclosed with the appropriate people)

If you are not able to speak with your tutor or centre manager, contact the Designated Safeguarding Officers (DSO), and they will collect as much information from yourself about your concerns. (Please note that the information you share, will be treated with discretion, but is not confidential and will be disclosed with the appropriate people)

If the decision is to make a safeguarding referral to the Adult Safeguarding Board (Local Authority) then your consent will need to be sought wherever possible. However, if the individual in question is at or remains at risk of harm, the DSO will refer without consent.

Once safeguarding referral has been made to the DSO, they will decide of any further action is required or if it needs to be passed on to the Adult Safeguarding Board. All decisions will be communicated with the appropriate people and recorded.

Remember:

It is not your duty to investigate concerns about an adult or ignore them – Always speak to someone from the Adult Learning team if your unsure and they will support you.