**Safeguarding Adults at Risk**

You may be working in a new building and/or with new people and with new citizens, who you do not know, as you support vital work to provide vulnerable people with support during the coronavirus outbreak. It is important that while people from different agencies and settings work together, everyone has the same information about what to do if they are worried that an adult may be at risk of abuse or neglect. Some practitioners on site will be experienced in responding to safeguarding concerns but some may be less confident about how to respond under new working arrangements.

* Social Services have prioritised adult safeguarding as a critical area of support. Emergency and Duty teams will stay open and it is important that any concern about an adult who may be at risk be shared as soon as is possible.
* Fears about sharing information should not be a barrier to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Every practitioner must take responsibility for sharing the information they hold, and cannot assume that someone else will pass on information, which may be critical to keeping an adult at risk safe.
* If you receive information from an adult or from someone else that they are at risk or if you see something, which makes you worry that they are at risk, you must pass these concerns on as soon as you can.
* When you arrive on site each day, check who the Designated Safeguarding Person for the service or building is. This person may change if staff need to self-isolate so check this each day on arrival.
* If you are worried that an adult has been harmed or is at risk of harm you **must** speak to the Designated Safeguarding Person for the service or building as soon as is possible.
* If for any reason you cannot contact the Designated Safeguarding Person for the service or building you **must** phone the local authority Adult Services Team and report your concerns. Make sure you know the number. This can be found on the poster in your setting and online.
* If you believe that an adult is at immediate risk of harm phone the Police on 999.