

# SOUTHWELL TORPEDOS

## Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

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### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to inform all those operating within the bounds of Southwell Torpedos of their responsibilities with regard to the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults.

Southwell Torpedos primary aim is to support vulnerable and isolated people in our community, and as such members are ideally placed to act as 'eyes in the community' to help prevent at risk residents suffering harm. Whilst we are all volunteers, do not have any formal caring responsibilities and will only be in contact with residents fleetingly, we may also be one of very few contacts that a resident has. It is always easy to believe that others are better placed to raise safeguarding concerns, however this may not be the case. You don't need to be certain before speaking up. If there are concerns about someone, volunteers should always err on the side of caution and pass their concerns to their Team Leader.

### 2. What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action.

The aims of adult safeguarding are to:

- stop abuse or neglect wherever possible
- prevent harm and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and support needs
- safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live
- promote an approach that concentrates on improving life for the adults concerned
- raise public awareness so that communities as a whole, alongside professionals, play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect
- provide information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe and what to do to raise a concern about the safety or well-being of an adult
- address what has caused the abuse or neglect.

### 3. Definitions

Abuse and neglect can take many forms and the individual circumstances of a case should always be considered. The Care Act 2014 provides the following categories of abuse and neglect:

- Physical
- Domestic violence
- Sexual
- Psychological
- Financial and material
- Modern slavery
- Discriminatory
- Organisational
- Neglect and acts of omission
- Self-neglect

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### 4. Policy Statement

Southwell Torpedos believes that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. It is important that everyone involved with Southwell Torpedos knows and understands the procedure for reporting concerns and is confident that those concerns will be taken seriously and acted upon in a timely and supportive manner.

One of Southwell Torpedos major activities is to provide practical support to vulnerable and isolated adults and families in our community. In doing so we take seriously the welfare of all vulnerable adults who are involved in or benefit from our activities.

### 5. Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of each member of Southwell Torpedos, to prevent the neglect, physical, sexual or emotional abuse of vulnerable adults and to report any such concerns which are discovered or suspected.

Volunteers have a responsibility to alert their Team Leader of any concerns regarding the health, safety and welfare of individuals they are supporting, as soon as those concerns become apparent.

Team Leaders have a responsibility to ensure that they know and follow the agreed reporting processes, and that volunteers and those within their team understand their responsibilities with respect to safeguarding.

Southwell Torpedos management group recognises its responsibility to pro-actively respond to any safeguarding concerns raised and to report and act upon them through the agreed reporting structures. Southwell Torpedos will implement, maintain and regularly review the procedures, which are designed to prevent and to be alert to such abuse or neglect.

### 6. Procedure

The procedure for reporting and recording a safeguarding concern is detailed in Appendix 1.

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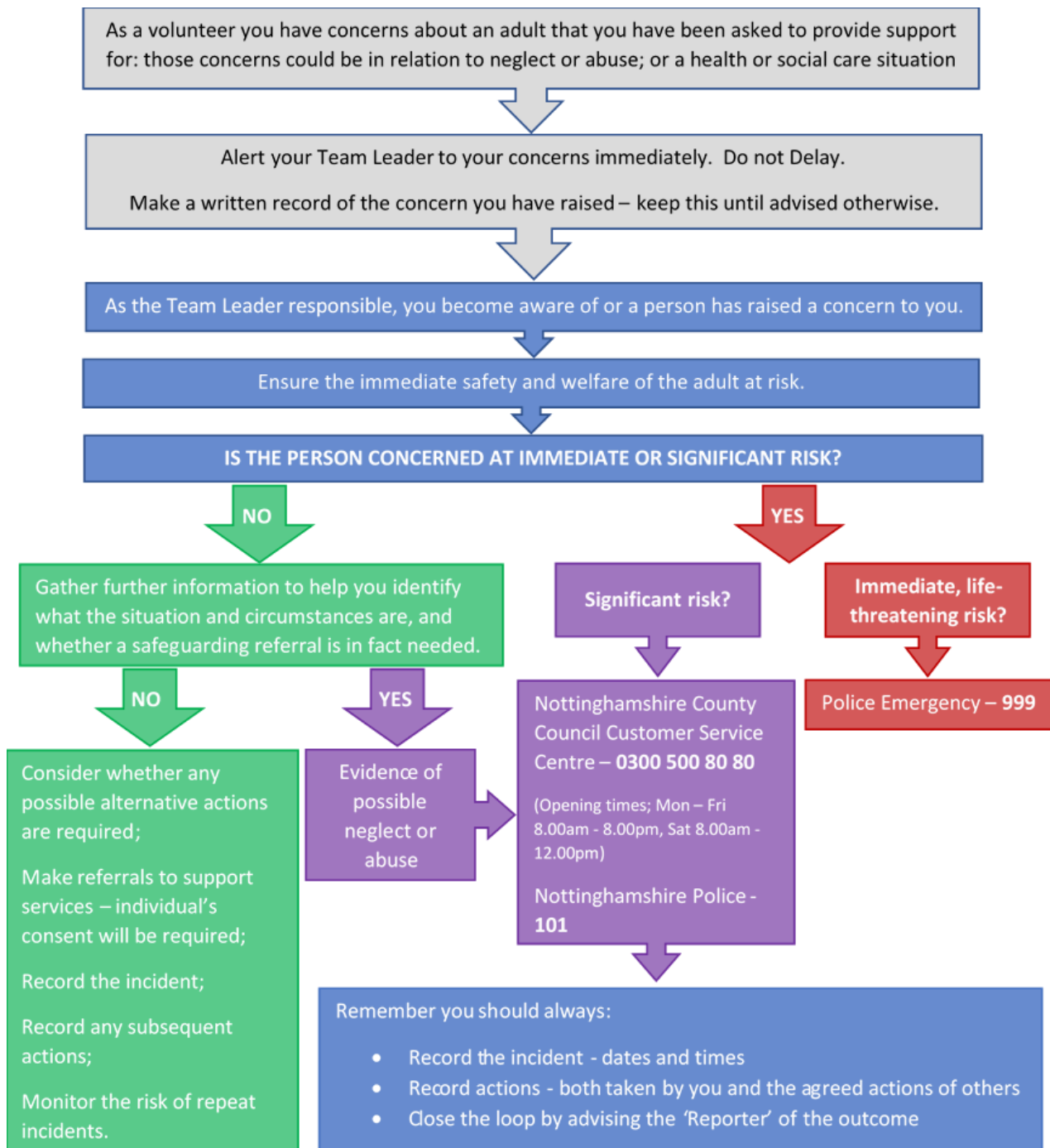
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### Appendix 1

### Procedure for Reporting a Concern



The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Policy requires all persons to report concerns of abuse or neglect. Relatives, neighbours and members of the public should take action if the safety or welfare of an adult at risk is causing them concern, by contacting Nottinghamshire County Council or the Police.

**REMEMBER – if you believe that a life is in danger or a crime has been committed ALWAYS contact the Police and Emergency Services by dialling 999**