



Adult Safeguarding Guidelines for Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS

Statement of purpose

The Care Act 2014 put the safeguarding of adults on a statutory footing. As Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS and affiliated clubs have regular contact with the public, they have a crucial role to play in the support, identification and reporting of adults who may be at risk of harm.

Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS and clubs have a duty of care which includes the safety and safeguarding of members and visitors. Individuals across the organisation need to be informed in order to ensure complaints and concerns about adults at risk are properly identified and acted upon.

Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS and clubs must actively work to prevent abuse from occurring within the organisation and be prepared to respond proportionately if abuse or neglect has occurred.

Care Act 2014 Definition of an Adult at Risk of Abuse:

Where a local authority has reasonable cause to suspect that an adult in its area (whether or not ordinarily resident there)

(a) has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs),

(b) is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and

(c) as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS has produced a guidance document to support affiliated clubs. The information is clearly laid out with important details for reporting.

Recognising the signs of abuse:

Signs and symptoms which may be displayed:

- Adult at risk has made a “disclosure”
- Something you have been told by a colleague, relative, friend or carer
- Something you have witnessed yourself
- Change in behaviour, unexplained injury, or how the adult at risk is being treated by someone else.

Types of Abuse:

The Care Act 2014 defines the following ten areas of abuse. These are not exhaustive but are a guide to behaviour that may lead to a safeguarding enquiry. This includes:

- **Physical abuse**
- **Domestic Violence/ Domestic Abuse**
- **Exploitation**
- **Sexual abuse**
- **Psychological abuse**
- **Financial or material abuse**
- **Modern slavery**
- **Discriminatory abuse**
- **Organisational abuse**
- **Neglect and acts of omission**
- **Self-neglect (added by Wigan Local Authority)**

Reporting Concerns:

Devon and Cornwall Area of NAFAS and club members who becomes aware that an adult is or is at risk of, being abused must report their concerns.

Cornwall

Access team: 030012313

Email: acessteam.referral@cornwall.gov.uk

Devon

Care direct: 0345 1551007

Email: esc.caredirect@devon.gov.uk

There is also an online reporting service for different areas of Devon.

Early sharing of information is the key to providing an effective response where there are emerging concerns. To ensure effective safeguarding arrangements no one should assume that someone else will do it.

Confidentiality and Information Sharing (GDPR):

Information will only be shared in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and Data Protection. **However, information should be shared with the Local Authority if an adult is deemed to be at risk of harm or contact the police if they are in immediate danger, or a crime has been committed.**

Appendix A – Guidance for affiliated Clubs

Safeguarding of Adults

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NAFAS, affiliated Areas and clubs have a duty of care which includes the safety and safeguarding of members and visitors. Individuals across the organisation need to be informed in order to ensure complaints and concerns about adults at risk are properly identified and acted upon.

NAFAS affiliated Areas and clubs must actively work to prevent abuse from occurring within the organisation and be prepared to respond proportionately if abuse or neglect has occurred.

What does this mean for our flower club?

This means that the committee must support members by providing appropriate information about keeping safe, how abuse may manifest itself and how to report.

How will I recognise if a member of my club is at risk of abuse?

Signs and symptoms which may be displayed:

- Adult at risk has made a “disclosure”
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Where do I report my concerns?

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