



Seven Essential Questions to ask before completing an Adult Safeguarding Concern and Notification (SA1) Form

If you can answer yes to all three of the following questions, the need to raise a safeguarding concern is a possibility:

- 1. Does the person have care and support needs regardless of who is meeting those needs?*
 - 2. Is the person experiencing or a risk of abuse?*
 - 3. Are they unable to protect themselves from abuse because of their care and support needs?*
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Next, you must explain your concerns to the person affected (if they aren't able to participate in the conversation, you need speak to their family, friend or representative) to ask:

- 4. Do they want to raise the concern themselves? If not,*
 - 5. Do they want you to support them to raise the concern? If not,*
 - 6. Do they want you to raise the concern on their behalf?*
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This next one is the 7th essential question:

- 7. Is there a public or vital interest that means you need to override their choice and report the concern anyway?*