

# Safeguarding adults within Leicester's hospitals

## Adult Safeguarding Team

Information for Patients

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**This information is for adult patients where safeguarding concerns have been raised during or after your stay in hospital.**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your NHS number: \_\_\_\_\_

## What is adult safeguarding?

Every person has a right to live a life free from abuse and neglect. Adult safeguarding is the process of protecting adults from abuse or neglect when they cannot protect themselves. It is an important part of what we do at Leicester's hospitals.

We have given you this leaflet because we have concerns about your wellbeing. This has led to the need for an enquiry to be carried out to safeguard you. We need to do this to protect you from the risk of abuse or neglect, and to understand what went wrong.

## How do I contact the Adult Safeguarding Team?

Your personal contact during this process are the nurses in the Adult Safeguarding Team. You will have already had contact with.

You can call them on **0116 258 7703** (Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm). Please leave a message if they are out of the office and they will call you back.

Email address: [uhl-tr.adultsafeguardingmailbox@nhs.net](mailto:uhl-tr.adultsafeguardingmailbox@nhs.net)

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## What happens next?

1. We will record the details of the concern and look at the risk of harm to you.
2. We will make sure that you and others are safe.
3. We will talk to you and plan how we will gather more information for the enquiry.
4. We will inform Adult Social Care. They are the lead agency for adult safeguarding.
5. We will work with other agencies (like Adult Social Care or the police) if we need to.
6. We will carry out the enquiry and aim to finish it within 60 working days if we can.
7. We will let you know what we found through our enquiry.
8. We will send you a copy of our report at the end of the enquiry. This is if you would like one.
9. We will offer you the chance to take part in a patient experience survey.

## Who might you involve in the safeguarding enquiry?

- Nurses, doctors and other healthcare staff
- Other healthcare providers such as district nurses and care home staff
- Adult Social Care
- Police
- The Care Quality Commission (CQC). They are the independent regulator of all health and social care services in England.

## Will I be involved in discussions?

Yes. We will give to the chance to discuss your views, wishes and opinions. We will make every effort to make sure the safeguarding process is personal to you. We want to understand what matters most to you. We want to know what your wishes are from the safeguarding enquiry.

Sometimes we have to take action that you may not agree with for the safety of others. We will do our best to explain this to you. If we cannot speak to you, we will discuss this with your family, in your best interests.

