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Submitted to Adult Support and Protection Guidance for General Practitioners and Primary Care Teams
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ASP GP and Primary Care Team guidance - Questions

1 Does the guidance offer clarity around the referral process and knowing who to contact?

Completely

2 With regard specifically to Adult Support and Protection, does the guidance make your roles and responsibilities clear?

Not at all

3a Is the main guidance document straightforward and easy to understand?

Completely

3b Is the one page Quick Guide helpful?

Completely

4 Does the guidance effectively address the question of sharing information with and without patient consent?

Completely

5 Research indicates the need for the guidance to be located in the same place as your local child protection guidance. On this basis, where should the guidance be hosted so that you can easily access it locally?

Please add your comments in the text box below:

N/A

6a With regard to online training/resources would you prefer:

Learning tools - yes:

Learning tools - no:

Learning tools - not sure:

Website based e-learning tool

Please expand your answer in the text box below if needed:

We would be unsure about all three but can only tick one

6b Please add any suggestions regarding what training topics you would find helpful:

Please add your suggestions in the text box below:

N/A

7 If training were made available would you be interested in becoming a local adviser for other primary care team members regarding adult support and protection? Yes / No – if Yes please provide your contact details

No

Please add your preferred contact details in the text box below:

8 Do you feel anything should be added to the guidance to assist you in making ASP referrals? Please comment below:

Please add your suggestions for further additions in the text box below:

The title of the document is guidance for general practitioners and primary care teams, however, throughout there is only reference to GPs and their responsibilities. We appreciate the specific mention of GPs within the Adult Support and Protection revised Code of Practice and their expected broader contribution to adult protection. However, we believe this document should be more reflective of the changing way GP practices are working, with other healthcare professionals e.g. pharmacists, taking on greater patient facing roles within these settings.

The Contact for advice and decision making flow chart states in the first box 'GP consultation with patient'. While this may have been the norm in 2013 and reflective of practice then, a patient's routine care may now be undertaken by another healthcare professional. The patient's interaction with their GP for routine care may be limited and they may not have the same opportunity as they would have done in the past to be the first professional to notice

harm. This document should be clear throughout that it is applicable to any healthcare professional routinely involved in the patient's care as well as the whole primary care team.

The brief guide also references guidance from the GMC, BMA, RCGP and RCN to assist professionals. There is also guidance available from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) and the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) which would help guide and assist pharmacists working in General Practice who have concerns over the welfare of a vulnerable adult. It would seem prudent to highlight this guidance along with the other profession specific guidance available.

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Organisation

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