

Appendix 5.1

Decision flow chart – When to raise a safeguarding concern in regards to pressure ulcers

To be used in conjunction with [Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Policies and Procedures](#)

Where concerns are raised regarding pressure ulcers organisations are to follow their own internal procedures such as the completion of a clinical incident form as well as raising a safeguarding concern.

Concern is raised that a person has significant skin damage
Category 3 and 4, unstageable deep tissue injury or multiple category 2 damage

DUTY OF CANDOUR?

Regulatory reporting?

Decision guide completed (appendix 5.2) / initial information, complete assessment as per guidance.
This should be completed immediately or by end of working day

Possible neglect/abuse identified
(Including cases where you do not have any information to assess)

- Where appropriate discuss with person (or carer) that a safeguarding alert has been raised
- If the decision guide or alternative assessment identified a possible safeguarding concern refer to Social Services (LA) via local procedure, with completed decision guide.
- Record decision and completed decision guide in persons records
- As outlined in the Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Policies and Procedures once potential abuse/neglect has been identified a safeguarding adults concern is to be raised.

No evidence of neglect/abuse

- Do not raise a safeguarding concern
- Action any other recommendations identified and put preventative/management measures in place
- Record decision and completed decision guide in persons records

Decision made Safeguarding Adults Team on the concern outcome and required action

Referrers should receive feedback on the concern raised from the Safeguarding Adults Team.