

Should someone you work with be referred to Adult Social Care?

Sometimes someone you work with may show signs that they need more help than you were originally asked to provide. This may mean that they would benefit from having their needs assessed again by Adult Social Care to see what other support they may be eligible for to help them keep their independence.

Keep a lookout for anything that might suggest someone is at risk or in serious need of extra help. Even if they don't mention anything, here are some signs to look out for.

Does someone seem to be ...

- at serious risk of falling?
- struggling with daily activities more than usual?
- not eating or drinking properly?
- misusing substances – to the point that their wellbeing is affected?
- afraid or unduly depressed?
- especially isolated or lonely?
- struggling unduly with current carer arrangements?
- not taking part in any activities or exercise – to the point that their wellbeing is affected?
- becoming forgetful – to the point that they may be putting themselves at risk?
- suffering from a medical / mental health condition that is not being addressed?
- at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation?

Do carers seem as though they are not coping?

If so, explain your concerns and suggest they contact Adult Social Care on 0113 222 4401 to arrange to speak to a care manager about other support they may need – or ask if they would like you to do this on their behalf.