\*There may be circumstances where the safety of the adult or yourself prevent this from happening. If you still have concerns about abuse or neglect and it is not

If you have reasonable cause to

suspect that the adult meets the

criteria (a) and (b) have you discussed

with the adult about raising a

safeguarding concern? Does the adult

wish to raise their own concerns? Do

they need support to do this?

Deciding if you need to raise a safeguarding concern to

the local authority/Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Are you concerned that an adult is at risk of or is experiencing abuse or neglect?

What types of abuse or neglect are concerned about?

Have you had a conversation with the adult about the concerns?

Have you sought the views and wishes of the adult?\*

Are there any immediate risks to the adult or to others including children?

Have you discussed and agreed next steps with the adult?\*

Have you provided advice, information or signposted the adult?

a) Does the adult have needs for the care and support (whether or not the authority is

meeting any of those needs) and b) Is the adult experiencing, or at risk of, abuse of

neglect? Section42(1) (a) & (b) Care Act 2014

**YES**

**UNSURE**

**NO**

Who else can you talk to within

your organisation? Can you seek

advice from others outside of your

organisation or consider seeking

advice from the local authority?

If the outcomes of these

discussions give you reasonable

cause to suspect s42(1) (a) & (b) –

raise a safeguarding concern to the

local authority/MASH.

If the concerns are not (a) and

b) what further support, advice,

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information or signposting can you

offer the adult?

HOWEVER raising a safeguarding

concern may be justified eg where

there is a vital risk to the person or

others, where there is a public interest

consideration or issue, or where a

best interest decision needs to be

made (where the adult lacks capacity

to make the decision). Then proceed

with raising a safeguarding concern.

Record rationale for decision making.

Does the adult want

a safeguarding

concern to be

raised?

**YES**

Raise a

safeguarding

concern

**NO**

**YES**

Raise a

safeguarding

concern

If you have enough reasonable

cause to suspect (b) but you are

still unsure about (a), raise an adult

safeguarding concern. The local

authority information gathering

responses, under s42(1) will help

make a decision.

possible or within the scope of your role to have a conversation with the adult, then if in doubt continue with the process and raise a safeguarding concern.