

Safeguarding process for GP Surgeries

This approach is to be undertaken to ensure there is a consistent method of reporting concerns and requesting assurances from GP Surgeries. By following this approach of reporting, it ensures that any concerns can be monitored and outcomes can be given to referrers. This request would form part of any Section 42 Safeguarding Enquiry that the Local Authority will be leading on, where it has been identified that assurances and additional information is needed regarding concerns raised involving a GP Practice.

Safeguarding Leads within GP Surgery's

- Once received, you have 14 days to **ensure completion of** the form and send back to Halton Adult Social Care on the email address provided on the form and below
- Please use the form and its guidance, to ensure that all areas have been covered within your approach. This includes whether any concerns were substantiated.
- The focus is on assurances, learning and how this learning has been shared within your practice
- Within the form, there will be contact details for the referrer, for if you need to discuss further or need more information.
- **Outcomes will be measured, so it is important that the focus is on the desired outcome of the patient. This will be documented on the form.**

If you as the safeguarding lead are informed of a potential safeguarding concern and there has been no request made from Halton Adult Social Care to complete the form, please follow normal safeguarding procedures and report this to Halton on 0151 907 8306. This process follows any safeguarding concern raised to the local authority where Section 42 enquiries are being made for the adult at risk.

Any concerns in relation to this process, please contact the Integrated Adult Safeguarding Unit on 0151 511 8555 or email adultsafeguarding@halton.gov.uk