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Dear Colleagues

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

As a profession which has regular close contact with patients, it is important that community pharmacies are aware of their responsibility to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

Scottish Government Links:

- [National child protection guidance - Child protection - gov.scot](#)
- [Adult support and protection - Social care - gov.scot](#)

### Training

Below is the link to the NHS Scotland Adult and Child protection modules on Turas learn which will support you meeting your professional requirement in this area:

<https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/64316/public-protection>

### Reporting

There are specific arrangements in place for the reporting of both child protection and adult support and protection concerns.

For **Adult Support and Protection concerns**, you can contact the Health and Social Care Partnership's dedicated social work teams for your area:

	Email Contact	To discuss, please call:
Aberdeen City	<a href="mailto:APSW@aberdeencity.gov.uk">APSW@aberdeencity.gov.uk</a>	0800 731 5520
Aberdeenshire	<a href="mailto:adultprotectionnetwork@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">adultprotectionnetwork@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a>	01467 533100
Moray	<a href="mailto:accesscareteam@moray.gov.uk">accesscareteam@moray.gov.uk</a>	01343 563999

For **Child Protection concerns**, if it is known or believed that a child is at risk of significant harm the facts and circumstances must be reported to the local duty Social Work Team.

Aberdeen City	Reception Team Joint Protection Unit Emergency Social Work Out of Hours	0800 731 5520 (0830-1700) 01224 070807 0800 7315520 (1700-0830)
Aberdeenshire	Social Work	01467 537111 (0830-1700)

	Emergency Social Work Out of Hours	03456 081206 (1700-0830)
Moray	Moray Family Protection Unit Emergency Out of Hours	01343 554370 03457 565656

For advice about a **child protection concern** staff can contact the NHS Grampian Child Protection Specialist Team at RACH on 01224 551706.

**Out of Hours, and weekends** contact NHSG switchboard: 0345 456 6000. Ask for Duty Consultant Paediatrician Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital.

If a child resides in **Moray** - Contact NHSG switchboard: 0345 456 6000 and ask to be put through to Duty Consultant Paediatrician Dr Gray's Hospital Elgin.

If a crime is suspected this should also be reported to the Police:

**Police Scotland** - Non Emergency on 101

**Police Scotland** - Emergency 999

I hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding it.

Yours faithfully,



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