

# SUMMARY OF SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS DELIVERING SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Everybody (including under 13s) has a right to confidential advice and treatment on sexual health.

EHC should be supplied if the client fully understands the medical treatment that is proposed (*i.e.* if a child is under 16 they should be Gillick competent)

The client is:

Under 13

13 - 15

16 -17

A vulnerable adult

Under 13s cannot give consent, so an offence **has** been committed.

First Response –  
0800 13 13 126 or  
the Police 999

Where the practitioner has concerns about a client's welfare, a sexual health Risk Assessment form should be completed and filled in the clients records or identified file.

Was the sexual activity with someone over 16, with somebody in a position of trust or otherwise thought to be exploitative or abusive?

*NB The age of consent is 16 years, but the legislation is not intended to prosecute consensual sex between similar aged young people.*

Yes

Was the sexual activity with somebody in a position of trust or otherwise thought to be exploitative or abusive?

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Yes

The client must be informed of your concerns and of your duty to seek professional advice. (*If this occurs out of office hours you must consider offering the client a further appointment to feedback the professional advice sought*) This should be documented in the client's records together with the agreed appointment date.

Discuss with safeguarding lead/senior manager of the pharmacy and contact:

First Response Team

**Tel.** 0800 1313 126

Emergency Duty Team (outside office hours) – 0845 6042886  
Fax 01785 854223  
e.mail [firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
OR THE POLICE ON 999

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Adult Safeguarding Partnership

Tel. 0845 604 2719;  
Fax 01785 276026.  
email:

[VAStaffordshire@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:VAStaffordshire@staffordshire.gov.uk)

***N.B.*** If a decision is made *not* to refer following discussion with the safeguarding lead/senior manager at the pharmacy, then the reasons must be fully documented.