# Professional pathway for reporting safeguarding concerns that meet the criteria for S42 Enquiry

### **Consider whether the adult**

(a) has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs);

(b) is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect; and

(c) as a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it (Care Act, S42 enquiry)

A professional becomes aware / suspects a safeguarding concern

Unless it is not safe to do so, speak to adult about concerns and ask what they would like to happen next

Take immediate actions to safeguard adult e.g. call emergency services or summon medical advice

If a crime has been committed call the police

Reporting the safeguarding concern/s.

#### **ONLINE**

Go to the online form on the Your Life, Your Choice website. Follow the link:

http://ylyc.worcestershire.gov.uk press 'Report Abuse or Neglect' to access the form

#### **By Phone**

Safeguarding Concerns can be reported to the Access Centre on 01905 768053 if you are unable to access the online form

The person reporting the concern will receive notification of the decision regarding any action to be taken from the Adult Safeguarding Team

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#### **Out of Hours**

If your concern cannot wait until the next working day ring 01905 768053