**Joint Working Protocol between West Mercia Women's Aid and Worcestershire Adult Social Care for individuals with care and support needs experiencing domestic abuse**

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referral can be made without individual's consent under General Data Protection Regulations safeguarding exemptions

WMWA will provide professional advice, guidance and support when individual does not consent to WMWA referral

WMWA will provide professional advice, guidance and support to the social worker when individual does not consent to WMWA referral

Allocated worker seeks support from WMWA as required – consent will be needed for referral to WMWA

AST to provide ongoing case coordination until S42 duty completed

Send S42 notification to Adult Safeguarding Team via FWi if criteria met

Discussion with Adult Safeguarding Team (AST) to determine whether S42 apply in this case

Agreement between WMWA and AST on who is best placed professional to act as key contact for individual

Adult Safeguarding Team will retain overall coordination of the case until S42 duty completed and / or provide support for WMWA worker where they are the lead agency

Send S42 notification to AST using online professionals' reporting form if criteria met <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/advicecarehealthandsupport/> \*

Discussion with Adult Safeguarding Team (AST) to determine whether S42 apply in this case

Ongoing case coordination until S42 duty completed

Seek support from WMWA as required – consent will be needed for referral to WMWA

**PATHWAY 1**

**Individual open to Adult Safeguarding**

**Team (AST) as S42 concern**

**PATHWAY 1**

**Individual open to Locality Social Work Team**

**PATHWAY 2**

**Individual open to West Mercia Women's Aid (WMWA)**

Agreement between AST and WMWA on who is best placed professional to act as key contact for individual

Needs due to domestic abuse incorporated into safeguarding plan