

## NCSC SAFEGUARDING DECISION MAKING TOOL

**Has a vulnerable adult or child experienced, or been placed at risk of abuse or harm?**

this could be:

- (a) sexual abuse (including a vulnerable adult or child being groomed or persuaded to enter a relationship or sexual activity that they have not or cannot consent to.)
- (b) physical abuse or psychological ill-treatment (including misuse of restraint)
- (c) theft, misuse or misappropriation of money or property; (including entering a financial agreement that they have not or cannot consent to.)
- (d) neglect and acts of omission which cause harm or place at risk of harm.
- (e) discriminatory abuse

**YES**

Is the harm of a serious nature, or would CQC or another organisation need to take immediate action to ensure that people are safe from serious harm?

**YES**

Is CQC the first statutory agency to receive this information?

**YES**

Process as a **Safeguarding Alert**

**NO**

**NO**

Process as a **Safeguarding Concern**

**NO**

Process as either a complaint or general information of concern (see additional guidance)