

Practitioner wellbeing

It is important to ensure that practitioners supporting adults who are experiencing domestic and/or where there are adult support and protection are being supported. It can be very challenging working within these areas and to ensure the wellbeing of practitioners' managers and team leaders should ensure that they have access to appropriate support – as required.

The guidance also provides a number of additional appendices including:

- Appendix 1 ASP referral form
- Appendix 2 highlights additional vulnerabilities and potential impact of domestic abuse in relation to older adults, adults with a disability and mental ill health, alcohol and substance use and where there are children involved.
- Appendix 3 DASH-RIC
- Appendix 4 MARAC referral process
- Appendix 5 Sample Safety Plan
- Appendix 6 Local and National contacts and resources

The guidance highlights key areas for practitioners to consider when considering an approach that is following adult support and protection legislation and policy and applies a domestic abuse informed approach:

- Undue Pressure and Coercive Control
- Executorial and Decisional Ability
- Domestic abuse as a criminal offence

It also provides information in relation to:

- Recognising signs of domestic abuse and how to respond to a disclosure of domestic abuse.
- Principles of a good risk assessment and how to assess the risk using recognised domestic abuse informed tools including DASH-RIC – including specific tools developed for people with a learning disability as well as young people and how to access training.
- Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Safety Planning

7 Minute Briefing

Adult Support and Protection & Domestic Abuse



Background:

North Lanarkshire Adult Protection Committee recognise the themes that span across the public protection agenda. As a result, this guidance has been developed in conjunction with North Lanarkshire Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Group to support practitioner's understanding of the impact of domestic abuse in the context of Adult Support and Protection (ASP).

This guidance aims to provide information regarding domestic abuse and adult support and protection and it highlights the links between the two. It also aims to support practitioner's understanding of risk assessment, safety planning and best practice that follows both legislation and policy in relation to Adult Support and Protection, trauma informed practice and is reflective of best practice in relation to domestic abuse.

Not everyone who experiences domestic abuse will meet the three-point criteria that defines an adult at risk under [Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Act 2007](#). Many people who experience domestic abuse can have additional support and care needs it is highly likely that in some situations an **approach under adult support and protection as well as a domestic abuse approach is required** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the adult being supported.

The key message in this guidance is that adults who meet the three-point criteria under [Adult Support and Protection \(Scotland\) Act 2007](#), where deliberate harm is caused by a partner or ex-partner, and/or is characterised by a pattern of coercive control, require a response which follows ASP **and** is reflective of best practice in relation to domestic abuse.