



Adult Safeguarding Toolkit

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At-Risk Adult

A person who, by reason of their physical or mental condition or other particular personal characteristics or family or life circumstance (whether permanent or otherwise), is in a vulnerable situation and/or at risk of harm and needs support to protect themselves from harm at a particular time. While not an exhaustive list, this can include individuals suffering from physical or mental conditions (such as cognitive impairment, dementia, acquired brain injury), children with additional needs reaching the age of majority, individuals subject to domestic violence or coercive control, individuals who find themselves homeless, individuals who are subject to financial abuse and individuals who have been trafficked.

Breach

A breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, personal data.

Capacity

A person's ability to understand when a decision is being made and the nature and consequences of that decision in the context of the available choices. This is based on the person's ability to make a specific decision about something, at a specific time. (This definition is in line with the definition of capacity as set out at section 3 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015).

Consent

Some types of processing of personal data are done on the basis that the data subject has given their consent. Consent must be freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous.

CORU

The multi-profession health and social care regulator within Ireland. The role of CORU is to protect the public by promoting high standards of professional conduct, education, training and competence through statutory registration of health and social care professionals, including dietitians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social workers, speech and language therapists and social care workers.

Data Protection Act 2018

The national law which gives further effect to the GDPR and effect to the LED and which established the Data Protection Commission.