



## Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

### Process for informing GP about an adult patient who may be a risk to children

Within care proceedings, a court may be invited to make a finding of fact that, on the balance of probabilities, an identified adult poses a risk of significant harm to a child or children. This pathway has been developed to ensure that information is appropriately shared with the adult's GP with the aim of safeguarding any future child for whom the adult may provide care or with whom adult may come into regular contact.

The child's social worker will confirm that the adult concerned is registered with a GP and will verify the details of the GP. These details to be recorded on Mosaic (Derbyshire Children's Records System) or Liquid Logic (Derby Children's Records System).



Within the court proceedings, the Local Authority may seek to prove to the requisite standard of proof and invite the court to make specific findings of fact about the risk posed by an identified adult to a child or children.

If, having considered all the evidence, the court makes such a finding, the Local Authority may decide to make an application to the court for permission to disclose details of any findings to the adult's GP.

**If such an application is made by the Local Authority, the identified adult and his/her legal representative will be advised of the proposed application and will, if the court considers it appropriate, have the opportunity to oppose any such order being made.**

If permission is given **to disclose details of the findings**, the Social Worker will ensure that the adult's GP is correctly recorded on Mosaic/Liquid Logic and to obtain a secure email address for the GP practice.





If a Finding is made, an application is made to the Judge to send the following notification to the adult's GP:

" The (insert name of court) Family Court has judged on (insert date) that (insert name) poses a risk of harm to a child or children. Please refer to your local children's services if you receive information suggesting that he / she may be involved with the care of a child (including pregnancy), so that a risk assessment may be undertaken.

Please ensure that this information is visible on the GP record of the named adult"

**The court** will determine the exact wording of any finding that is made and the extent of any information that can be disclosed to the GP.

The GP's details to be included in the court order (and would also apply to any change of GP/Practice after the subsequent date of the order).



Court order received by Legal Services at the Local Authority.



Legal Services will send a suitably redacted copy of the court order to the GP identified by the social worker in Mosaic/Liquid Logic with a standard letter and await read receipt email. GP to upload court direction and flag adult within 28 days.

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