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Requested:

I would like the precise wording of the “threshold for safeguarding”, together with the full policy on safeguarding adults at risk within HDda HB.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested, as the UHB does not have a policy for safeguarding adults at risk. However, the UHB does have a corporate safeguarding policy, which is provided at Attachment 1, for your information.

The UHB can advise that all agencies are expected to report concerns to the Local Authority if they have reasonable cause to suspect that an adult is at risk of abuse or neglect, as defined in line with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. For ease, a link is provided to Section 126 (Adults at risk) of this Act.

[Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014 - Explanatory Notes](#)

Additionally, the UHB provides further information below, around the Wales Safeguarding Procedures the UHB works to:

- The UHB has endorsed the [Wales Safeguarding Procedures](#) and provides a link to the Wales Safeguarding Procedures notes - pointers for practice in care and support, protection needs for adults <https://www.safeguarding.wales/en/adu-i/adu-i-ap/a3p-p4/>
- The UHB is a partner of the Mid and West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board, which has an [Adult Safeguarding Threshold Guidance Document](#).

The purpose of the threshold guidance document is to ensure a regional, collective response to keeping people safe is appropriate and proportionate to the abuse /neglect identified or the risk thereof. This means that formal safeguarding procedures will not always be the best or only way of addressing issues that arise.

The guidance document provides examples of the type of concerns that may or may not necessitate a safeguarding referral to the Local Authority.