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## **Safeguarding & Mental Capacity.**

Policy Number 18

### Introduction

*It is within the nature of healthcare for Members to be aware of individuals, by reason of age or illnesses, who are at risk of exploitation or abuse by others or whose decision making ability is questionable. Members of NOA Healthcare have the responsibility of protecting all those in their realm of care.*

### Policy

NOA HEALTHCARE expects every Member to be proactive in identifying safeguarding issues and to apply the Clients Safeguarding procedures when they occur.

NOA HEALTHCARE expects every Member to be aware of the Mental Capacity Act and be able to conduct a Mental Capacity Assessment and apply the Clients procedures.

Members are responsible to ensure their Safeguarding and Mental Capacity training is up to date.

NOA HEALTHCARE will assist Members to maintain their competency.

### Policy Origin

*In House Policy.*

### References

*Client policy documents.*

*Working to safeguard children HM Government 2013*

*Protecting Patients from harm DH Policy 2013*

*The Mental Capacity Act 2005*

*Mental Capacity Act Code of Practise. 2014*

### Date Policy Active.

*To be determined once verified by the management group.*

### Review Date.

*12 months after verification.*

### Quality Assurance Reference

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