

The Care Certificate

STANDARD 11 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

11.1 Safeguarding children

What is child abuse?

Child abuse is any wrong doing that causes, or is able to cause, significant emotional or physical harm to a child

If you work in health:

Meet the national minimum training standards for Safeguarding Children as set out in 'Safeguarding Children and Young People: roles and competences for healthcare staff'" – Intercollegiate Document

According to your role, you will undertake either:

Level 1 for all staff working in health care settings

Level 2: Minimum level required for staff who have some degree of contact with children and young people and/or parents/carers.

Level 3: Clinical staff working with children, young people and/or their parents/carers and who could potentially contribute to assessing, planning, intervening and evaluating the needs of a child or young person and parenting capacity where there are safeguarding/child protection concerns.

If you work in Social care:

Explain what you must do if you suspect a child, young person (met in any circumstances) is being abused or neglected.

If you suspect a child or young person is being abused you must report the incident to your manager. Although for those of you who work in over 18 year old services you will come across children visiting the individual's home or visiting the care home. Your manager will then contact the child safeguarding department in your local authority who will be responsible for carrying out the investigation.