

## **RECOMMENDED READ CODES FOR USE IN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK**

Good communication is vital to safeguarding those who are vulnerable. Modern GP software systems now mean that this often happens electronically particularly with the regular transfer of information with out of hours providers and emergency departments. The electronic transfer of GP records between GP practices is also possible and use of READ codes allows information to transfer in a manner that allows vulnerable patient information to be transferred safely, effectively and enables receiving practice to understand the life experience of the patient.

Mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation, Ask and Act, clinical governance, contractor reviews, practice inspections, audit and GP appraisal all require evidence of participation in safeguarding. This can be easily evidenced through the consistent use of Read coding

Evidence also shows that GPs are likely to suspect abuse from the problems of and consultations with the wider family as well as with the abused person or child. We know that the strongest risk factors for abuse are the presence of the so-called "Toxic Trio" of substance misuse, mental health problems and domestic abuse in parents/carers. Coding that allows us to know about these risk factors and the relationship between carers with these problems and adults and children at risk is therefore vital. Included below are READ Codes that allow us to indicate the wider family members of those who are vulnerable or have been abused.

Additionally, READ codes allows practices to identify their vulnerable patients and to meet their health needs

## Safeguarding children READ codes

### Read Codes for use in Child/Young Persons Records

Child on Protection Register / child subject to child protection plan	8CM6.00
Child removed from Protection Register/child no longer subject to a child protection plan	13lw
Child was not brought (to an appointment)	9Nz1.00
Child in Need	13IS
Child is cause for a safeguarding concern	13WX
Child is no longer cause for a safeguarding concern	9NgB
Child in Foster care or Looked After Child	13IB or 13li
Child leaving care	131I83
Child referral to children's social care	64RA or 8HHB
<b>Care Leaver, require permission to add the code to Vision</b>	<b>xafcg</b>
<b>Codes Regarding Risk Factors in Parents /Carers</b>	
Family history of substance misuse	12X
Drug user in household	13W
Alcohol misuser in the household	13Wf
Domestic abuse in the household	13Wd
Family history of learning disability	12W2
Family history of psychiatric condition	ZV170
<b>Codes for Records of Family/Household Members</b>	
Family member on child protection plan	13ly
Family member removed from child protection plan	13lz
Family is a cause for concern	13ip
Child abuse in family	13W3

Adults at Risk READ codes

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Adult Referral to social care	8HHg
Adult safeguarding concern	9Ngj
Adult no longer a safeguarding concern	9Ngk
Adult at risk	133P
Adult no longer at risk	13iu
Learning disability	X00TL
Substance misuse	13cM
Alcohol misuse	136W
History of domestic violence	14X3
Assessment of Mental Capacity in accordance with the MCA 2005	28N
Lack of mental capacity to make decision	2JR or 9NdL
Best interest decision made on behalf of patient	9Ng
Domestic Abuse READ codes	
History of domestic abuse	14XD
At risk of violence in the home	13VF
Victim of domestic abuse	14XG
History of being a victim of domestic abuse	14XE
Police domestic incident report received	9NDJ
Subject to a multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC)	13Hm
FGM READ codes	
Family history of FGM	12b
History of FGM	15K
FGM	K578
FGM type 1	K5780
FGM Type 2	2K5781
FGM Type 3	K5782
FGM Type 4	K5783