

## Sexual Abuse of an 'Adult at Risk'

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#### FOR PROFESSIONALS

Isolated incident of teasing or unwanted attention, either verbal or touching (but excluding genitalia) which has NOT been committed by a person in a position of trust, where this is not of a serious nature and the effect on the adult at risk is low.

*Example: rubbing back of neck or stroking arm by another resident in a care home. When told to stop they do immediately.*

#### POSSIBLE ACTION

**Work with the adult at risk and perpetrator relating to boundaries and relationships.**

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Verbal sexualised teasing or harassment on one or more occasions.	Incidents of being made to look at pornographic material without valid consent or where valid consent cannot be given.	Isolated, occasional or ongoing incidents of teasing or unwanted attention, either verbal or touching which has been committed <b>by a staff member</b> , even where the effect on the adult at risk is low.  <i>Example rubbing back of an adult at risk's neck by a staff member on a one off occasion.</i>	Occasional or ongoing incidents of teasing or low-level unwanted sexualised attention, either verbal or touching by anyone.
Sexualised touching by a <b>staff member</b> .	Sexualised touching by anyone else without valid consent or where valid consent cannot be given.	Voyeurism by anyone	Subjecting an adult at risk to indecent exposure by anyone.
Attempted penetration by any means by a <b>staff member</b> .	Attempted penetration by any means without valid consent or where valid consent cannot be given (whether or not this occurs within a relationship)	Sexual relationship characterised by authority, inequality or exploitation (for example staff member with an adult at risk)	Sex without valid consent or where valid consent cannot be given, by anyone (rape)

**Remember: All examples, whether a safeguarding referral is required or not, require some action**