3.6. Ability to recognise and respond to concerns about safeguarding

- An ability to draw on knowledge that safeguarding concerns can arise across the lifespan, from infancy through to old age
- An ability to draw on knowledge of factors that make adults vulnerable, such as mental health or physical health problems, communication difficulties or dependence on others
- An ability to draw on knowledge of type of abuse and neglect that could trigger a safeguarding concern, such as:
  - physical abuse
  - domestic violence
  - psychological abuse
  - financial or material abuse or exploitation
  - sexual abuse or exploitation
  - neglect
  - abuse in an organisational context
- An ability to identify signs or indicators that could flag the need to institute safeguarding procedures
- An ability to draw on knowledge of national guidance and legal frameworks regarding responsibility for acting on safeguarding concerns
- An ability to act on knowledge of local agencies and local procedures for invoking, investigating and acting on safeguarding concerns

- An ability to approach the management of safeguarding procedures in a way that protects the safety of the individual but does so in a manner that is compassionate, empathic and supportive