



Safe Care at Home Review

Easy read version

The Safe Care at Home Review will look into the protection and support for adults who could be abused by the people who care for them, when they are at home.

This explains how the review will work.

	Introduction
	<p>The government is concerned about what they heard about victims of abuse, while they were working on the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. They heard real life stories through groups who support deaf people and people with disabilities.</p>
	<p>The government wants to look into the protection and support for adults who could be abused by the people who care for them, when they are at home.</p>



Everyone should feel safe in their own home.



The government wants people who have support in their own home to have good quality care. This includes stopping abuse.






Parliament

The Home Office and the Department of Health and Social Care will lead the review together. Other government departments and groups will also be involved.

Aims of the review



1. To look at what is happening to **protect** people from being abused by the people who care for them, when they are at home.
2. To look at the **support** available for people abused in their own home by the people who care for them.

	The reason for the review
	<p>Some people have said they are concerned about whether there is enough help where someone is abused in their own home by someone giving them care. In some cases, the abuse will not come under the definition of the Domestic Abuse Act. For example, if the care given and abuse is from a friend or neighbour.</p>
	<p>This review looks at what protection the law gives, and guidance for organisations who help protect people, like the police and social services.</p>
	How the review will be done
 <p>Rights Disabled</p>	<p>It will find out more from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims and people who are deaf, have disabilities and older people, and groups who can speak up for them. • Experts in the criminal justice system and safeguarding adults. This includes social services and the police.



It will look at what protection and support is available for people who have care and support at home.







It will work with the different government departments to make sure they are all working in the same way. These include the Home Office, the Department of Health and Social Care, the Cabinet office and Ministry of Justice.

The size of the review



This review is about abuse against people in their own homes, by people providing care.

	<p>This review is for people in England.</p>
	<p>The review will have a report on everything it finds out at the end.</p>
	<p>About people in their own home. This means a person's permanent home. It could be rented, provided by the local authority or owned.</p>
	<p>And they have care and support to live independently with people providing care.</p>
	<p>It does not include abuse in care homes as these come under the</p>

Care home



regulation and inspections for the Care Quality Commission (CQC).



Unpaid carers are friends, family and neighbours who provide care for the person



Paid carers are paid care workers



Volunteers provide care as part of the service of a voluntary organisation

	<p>The review will include all adults who have support at home to live independent lives. So it includes people with disabilities and older people.</p>
	<p>It will especially look at when someone could be affected by more than one experience, such as being disabled, and a woman or from a different ethnic group.</p>
	<p>It will also take into account other government work including 'Tackling violence against women and girls'.</p>
	<p>It will focus on adults only. Children have their own safeguarding protections.</p>

	<p>It will look at justice for adults at risk of abuse in their own homes, if it is a criminal offence. It will look at how victims can get an order to help stop more abuse from happening.</p>
 <p>Care Act 2014</p>	<p>It will look at whether the legislation in the Care Act 2014 works in real life to keep people safe.</p>
	<p>It will look at support for adults who are victims of abuse by carers. And if they got the right support in good time.</p>
	<p>Time plan</p>
 <p>Year 2022</p>	<p>The review will be done by the end of 2022</p>



The government will look at suggestions for changes in the review.



This time plan will make sure the different groups can take part.



The review is part of the National Disability Strategy published on 28th July 2021.