

7 Minute Briefing

1 What is it?
This is a NEW pathway – developed by NHS Grampian, Primary Care and Social Work colleagues.

It is designed to support a clear, agreed, way for professionals to access and provide assessments of capacity when there are risks and concerns for the individual in question.

It works alongside, but is distinct from, the current Decisions Specific Capacity Screening Tool.

2 Why have a Pathway?
Both learning reviews and multiagency inspections in Grampian have identified a need for clear arrangements to access assessments of capacity when individuals are at risk of harm.

The decision to develop a dedicated capacity pathway was led by NHS Grampian, but supported by Primary Care and Social Work colleagues.

Pathway for Capacity Assessments for Protection Based Decisions

7 Further Questions?

If you have further questions about the pathway, please direct your queries to:

Social Work Staff – please directly contact your Adult Protection Lead

Health Staff – please direct your queries to:

gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot

3 How was it Developed?

A working group composed of GP, Psychiatry, Psychology, Nursing and Social Work professionals –with expertise in both Adult Protection and mental health legislation– worked jointly to create the pathway.

After extensive consultation, the Pathway was formally approved by NHS Grampian's Public Protection Committee.

6 Will it be reviewed?

Yes! As this is the first time a Capacity Pathway has been put in place across Grampian, it will be reviewed in 12 months time.

The original working group will continue to monitor the rollout and first year of the pathway.

Feedback is welcomed and can be provided via:

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5 How will it be rolled out?

The Pathway formally 'goes live' on 2nd September 2024. As part of the 'roll out' members of the working group that developed the pathway will be attending professional forums across Grampian.

There is also an 'on demand' video briefing about the pathway that can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

4 Who was Consulted?

There was consultation across professional groups. This included the GP Sub-Committee; Consultant Sub-Committee; PMAC; GAPAAC and Council Officer Groups (amongst others).

All three Adult Protection Committees in Grampian have endorsed the pathway and given their full support to it.