

# 7 Minute Briefing

**1 What is it?**  
This is a NEW version of a pathway – originally developed by multiagency colleagues in 2024.

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.

The revised version now takes account of learning/feedback from the pathway's first year of use.

**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 review and refresh the capacity pathway was led by NHS Grampian, but supported by Primary Care and Social Work colleagues.

## Revised 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](mailto:gram.publicprotection@nhs.scot)

**3 How was it Reviewed and Revised?**  
A working group composed of multiagency professionals –with expertise in both Adult Protection and mental health legislation– revised the pathway after consulting with front line colleagues.

The revised Pathway was then formally approved by NHS Grampian's Public Protection Committee.

**6 Will there be further Training & Support?**  
Yes! A key bit of feedback from the review of the pathway was that staff wanted more training on the interface between Adult Protection, Mental Health and Incapacity legislation.

Watch this space – as more multiagency training in this area will be coming in 2026.

**5 How will it be rolled out?**  
The revised Pathway formally 'goes live' on 1st December 2025. Please delete/remove all 'old' versions of the pathway from any shared drives or intranet sites.

There is 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 given their full support to the pathway.