

Safeguarding Codes

The issue of safeguarding codes in Primary Care has been a theme frequently asked of Named GPs. It was recognised by the National Network of Named GPs for Safeguarding (NNGGP) that across the nation there was confusion around which codes to use for different safeguarding situations in view of the variety of options available within the electronic systems. To address this at a national level, in 2021 a group of Named GPs was formed to review current practice.

The group's work involved identifying key safeguarding codes and selecting a single representative code for synonymous codes. Gaps were identified in the existing Snomed codes, so an application was made through the Snomed portal for eighteen new codes to be added into the Snomed system. The new codes were approved and became part of the Snomed catalogue in 2023 and are also now fully incorporated into both Systmone and EMIS.

These safeguarding codes, including the new codes, were then standardised into a single, comprehensive recommended list for all Primary Care staff to use. This Primary Care Safeguarding code list is below, and now serves as a resource for Primary Care Organisations. This unified and updated list will help ensure consistency and accuracy in safeguarding practices across areas, ultimately improving patient care and safety. The code list is also saved in the NNGGP resource area on FutureNHS in the GP IT folder.

For those that use Ardens, these codes are now within the Arden's drop down lists.

This list will be reviewed and updated over time by the NNGGP coding, templates and document storage group. Please email england.nnngp@nhs.net if you are a Named GP that wishes to join this group.

When to use the code	Snomed Name of code	Snomed number
Child Safeguarding		
Referral to Child Safeguarding Team	Referral to Child Safeguarding Team	514341000000108
Child has been discussed at a Strategy Discussion meeting	Child Protection Strategy Meeting	762931000000105
Child is on a Child Protection Plan (CPP)	Subject to Child Protection Plan	342191000000101
Unborn Child Subject to Child Protection Plan	Unborn Child Subject to Child Protection Plan	818901000000100
A family member of the patient is on a Child Protection Plan	Family member subject of child protection plan	375041000000100
Child is on a Child in Need Plan (ChIN)	Subject of Child in Need Plan	836931000000102
Child Protection Report Submitted	Child Protection Conference Report Submitted	1036511000000100
Child Protection Conference Minutes received	Child Protection Conference Minutes received	1659091000000102
Child was not brought to appointment	Child was not brought to appointment	901441000000108
History of Adverse Childhood Experiences	History of Childhood Adverse Experiences	747531000000108
Abusive head trauma	Traumatic injury to head and/or neck due to physical abuse	1659241000000103
Information about infant crying and how to manage this has been given to patient	Provision of information about infant crying	150091000000106

Adult Safeguarding		
Referral to Safeguarding Adults Team	Referral to Safeguarding Adults Team	514331000000104
Adult is subject to Section 42 enquiry	Subject to safeguarding enquiry under section 42 of Care Act 2014	1659071000000101
Subject to Adult Safeguarding Plan	Subject to Adult Safeguarding Plan	1659081000000104
Adult was not brought to appointment	Adult was not brought to appointment	1323481000000100
Referral made to adult social services for care needs assessment	Referral to social services for care needs assessment	150141000000100
Domestic Abuse		
History of Domestic Abuse	History of Domestic Abuse	429746005
Family has been discussed at MARAC	Subject of Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference	758941000000108
DASH risk assessment completed	Assessment using DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence) 2009 Risk Checklist	886191000000108
Referral to Domestic Abuse Agency	Referral to Domestic Abuse Agency	758599003
Referral to Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Conference (MARAC)	Referral to Multi-Agency risk assessment conference	978091000000105
Children Looked After		
Child is a Looked After Child	Looked After Child	764841000000100
Care Leaver	Care leaver	770347003
Adult has become an "Approved Foster Parent"	Approved Foster Parent	314381008
Codes which apply to both adults and children		
Subject of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements	Subject of Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements	495021000000105
Notification received that subject of record is missing	Notification received that subject of record is missing	1659211000000104
Referral to Prevent	Referral to Prevent Programme	1659101000000105

Information requested by council for safeguarding purposes	Safeguarding-relevant information requested by council	1659221000000105
Information Shared with council for safeguarding purposes	Provision of safeguarding-relevant information to council	1659231000000107
Patient declined online record access	Online access to own health record declined by patient	1290331000000103
Patient online access granted	Online access to own health record granted following enhanced health record review	1290311000000106
Patient online access withheld	Online access to own health record withheld following enhanced health record review	1290301000000109
Capacity Decisions		
Has the mental capacity to make this decision	Has the mental capacity to make decision (Mental Capacity Act 2005)	1136641000000105
Lacks the mental capacity to make this decision	Lack of Mental Capacity to make decision (Mental Capacity Act 2005)	787381000000106
Power of Attorney in place for this patient for personal welfare	Has appointed person with personal welfare lasting power of attorney (Mental Capacity Act 2005)	816361000000101
Best Interests Decision made for patient	Best Interest Decision made on behalf of patient (Mental Capacity Act 2005)	765141000000105