



The Journal of Adult Protection

Evidence-based practice in relation to safeguarding adults

Guidelines for contributors

Introduction

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We welcome contributions to the journal from all researchers, managers and practitioners in the adult protection field. The journal is both multi-agency and multidisciplinary in its outlook. In addition to refereed articles, the editors also welcome papers giving viewpoints and perspectives from practitioners and commentators. All submissions will be acknowledged and may be followed up with suggestions and recommended amendments.

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