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Guide for 'Appropriate Adults'

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What is an Appropriate Adult?

Appropriate Adults provide independent support to detainees who are children, or vulnerable adults, that don't have a responsible adult in their lives to support or assist them.

They provide an important safeguarding measure at the Police Station.

Main responsibilities:

1. To ensure the individual is treated fairly.
2. To ensure the individual understands what is going on.
3. To advise and inform the individual of the benefits of legal advice.
4. To discuss with the custody officer any concerns and requests that arise.
5. To identify any safeguarding concerns and report them, in line with training.

Appropriate Adults may be asked to attend for procedures such as: interviews, fingerprinting and photographing of the detainee, some types of personal searches and the taking of DNA samples.

Full training will be provided.

Appropriate Adults must be over 18, have access to a mobile phone and understand the importance of confidentiality.

For further details please contact: AAdultsInfo@gov.im or 01624 695773.

An Appropriate Adult's role is to ensure that the young and/or vulnerable detained person understands what is happening to them and why. This is to help them fully participate during their time in custody.

Appropriate Adults are not there to provide legal advice.

Other duties include providing support, advice and assistance to the detainee to ensure that the police act fairly and respect the rights of the detainee.

It will also be important to help with communication between the detainee, the police and others.