



2.1D GUIDANCE ON RESPONDING TO ADULTS WHO WERE ABUSED IN CHILDHOOD AND THE RESPONDENT IS STILL ALIVE (RETROSPECTIVE ABUSE)

When an adult makes an allegation of abuse it is important to attend and listen to them in line with the guidance provided in **Guidance 2.1C**. Adults must be made aware, if possible, in advance of disclosure, that if they give information which indicates a potential risk to children, a referral to the statutory authorities must be made following the reporting procedure in **Guidance 2.1A**.

If the adult making the disclosure does not wish to report it to the statutory authorities, the person to whom the disclosure has been made is required to make the report to the statutory authorities in line with **Guidance 2.1A**.

Even when the alleged or suspected victims are now adults there may be an ongoing risk to other children.