

Who is classed as a vulnerable adult?

A vulnerable adult is defined as a person aged 18 years or over who has a specified condition and as a result of this condition is in receipt of a specified service. A Standard check is available for any employment or volunteering which would enable someone to have access to a vulnerable adult. An Enhanced check is available for any employment or volunteering which involves regularly caring for, training, supervising or being in sole charge of a vulnerable adult.

The Conditions and Services are as follows:

Condition

- learning or physical disability,
- physical or mental illness including an addiction to alcohol or drugs; or
- reduction in physical or mental capacity.

AND (for entitlement to an enhanced check)

- dependency upon others in the performance of basic physical functions,
- severe impairment in the ability to communicate with others, or
- impairment in a person's ability to protect him or herself from assault, abuse or neglect.

Services

- Accommodation and nursing or personal care in a care home,
- Social care services; or
- Any services provided in an establishment catering for a person with learning difficulties
- Personal care or support to live independently in his or her own home,

AND (for entitlement to an enhanced check)

- Any services provided by an independent hospital, independent clinic, independent medical agency or National Health Service body,
- Advocacy services as approved by the Secretary of State.