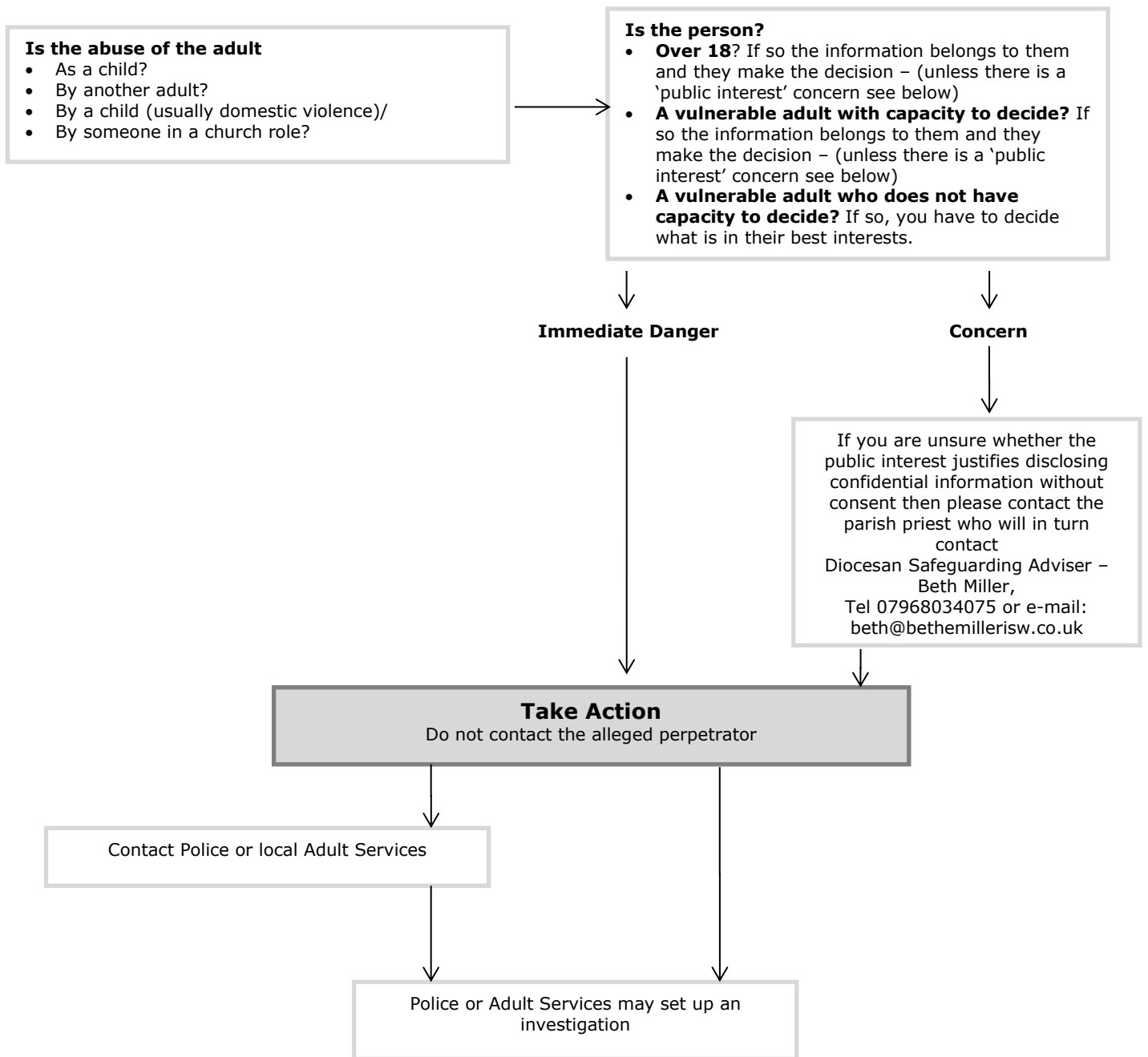


Vulnerable Adults Abuse Referral Flow Chart



A 'public interest concern' – how to decide

"The key factors in deciding whether or not to share confidential information are necessity and proportionality, i.e. whether the proposed sharing is likely to make an effective contribution to preventing the risk and whether the public interest in sharing information overrides the interest in maintaining confidentiality. In making the decision you must weigh up what might happen if the information is shared against what might happen if it is not and make a decision based on professional judgement".

Section 3.40 information sharing: Guidance for practitioners and managers. HMSO 2010