Additional Guidance: Strategy Discussion/ Meeting

Purpose:
To safeguard the adult at risk from immediate or ongoing abuse or neglect. This document is used to record any discussions, decisions and actions made/agreed at a Strategy meeting or discussion. The discussion allows all participating parties to provide information resulting in an agreed plan for investigation which always gives consideration to the individual’s wishes.

Who Calls a Strategy Discussion / meeting:
A member of the Safeguarding Team will convene and chair the Strategy discussion/meeting.

When is it called:
The strategy discussion/meeting should be called as soon as possible, within 1-2 working days of the initial Safeguarding Alert being made.

Who Should Attend:
Relevant agencies to each case will be invited, however only invitees should attend unless there has been prior agreement with the Chair.

What you need to do:
A strategy discussion / meeting should be seen as a priority and if invited every attempt to participate should be made.

It is advised that you come prepared having read through the information your agency has and being clear of any concerns, the reasons for those concerns and any supporting information as requested. You should also consider any mitigating factors in order to provide a balanced perspective.

You should come to these meetings with an open mind and listen only to the facts presented, from the information shared at these meetings an outline plan will be agreed as to how to appropriately safeguard the adult at risk.

This discussion will include a presentation of all the issues, it will consider how to manage and /or reduce any risks identified, will identify and plan any ongoing investigatory actions including timescales and will outline any actions you may be asked to do.

What if you disagree with the Plan?
Every attempt should be made to agree a way forward. Your views must be documented in the strategy discussion record and you have recourse to escalate your concerns through the Safeguarding Partnership Board Escalation Policy and Resolution Pathway. This can be found [here](#).