

Safeguarding process for allegations when there is more than 1 adult at risk involved.

Safeguarding concern is received by the LA/MASH (referrer believes Section 42 (1) (a) & (b) are met)

Information suggests more than 1 adult at risk involved e.g., allegations against a service provider or allegations of criminal exploitation.


Information shared with the Safeguarding Enquiry Team who will establish the following:

- Any consent given by the adults at risk
- Whether the adults at risk lack capacity and a best interest decision has been made to report concerns
- Concerns override public interest to protect others from harm including children and other adults at risk or to prevent a crime from occurring

If concerns involve a service provider, an immediate safety plan will be agreed. CQC and the LA Contracts and Commissioning Team will be informed, with consideration for an unannounced visit.

If concerns involve criminal exploitation, an immediate safety plan will be agreed. Police and other relevant partners will be contacted to ensure the safety of all those involved.

 Safeguarding Decision to be made within 24 hours of receipt of referral. Chair allocated.

 Strategy Discussion/Meeting to be held within 5 working days.

Timeframes for further safeguarding meetings dependent on level of risk.

In cases where a service has failed to protect an adult at risk, a service remedial action plan may be required. The plan could specify several improvement measures, including referral of perpetrators to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), and/or professional registering bodies. In the case of commissioned services, action to secure contract compliance will be taken.

Safety plans reviewed at each meeting. In cases of commissioned services, the action remedial plan will be reviewed until the service has achieved the specified remedy.
Adults' views obtained at each meeting.