

Safeguarding Strategy and Review Meetings

Once the MASH process has been finalised, a Safeguarding Chair is allocated

A safeguarding meeting will be arranged with invites extended to the adult at risk, and/or their advocates.

The main objectives (as set out in the Care and Support Statutory Guidance (DHSC, 2018) of the further safeguarding strategy meeting is to:

- Establish facts
- Ascertain the adult's views and wishes
- Assess the needs of the adult for protection, support, and redress and how they might be met
 - Protect from the abuse and neglect, in accordance with the wishes of the adult
- Make decisions as to what follow-up action should be taken with regard to the person or organisation responsible for the abuse or neglect.
 - Enable the adult to seek resolution and recovery

Those tasked with investigative responsibilities gather evidence to support the safety plan and to satisfy (if required) legal and regulator proceedings.

Where a criminal act is suspected, the Police investigation takes precedence, and the role of adult social care will be to identify the safeguarding plan for the alleged victim.

Where allegations of abuse or neglect concern a registered health or care service, and regulatory breaches are suspected or fitness is in question, the Care Quality Commission should be informed.

Each meeting will determine the adult at risk's desired outcomes.

Each meeting will review the agreed actions and determine if the safety plan continues to be effective.

Timescales for further safeguarding meetings will be dependent on level of risk.

A multi-agency decision will reach one of the following outcomes:

- Risk identified and action taken
- Risk identified and no action taken
- Risk inconclusive and action taken
- Risk inconclusive and no action taken
- Risk not identified and action taken
- Risk not identified and no action taken
- Enquiry ceased at individual's choice and there are no concerns about their capacity to make this decision

Note

If a person dies on receipt of the safeguarding concern or during a S42 enquiry the process will be stopped as it can only be directly concerned with safeguarding those adults who continue to be identified as an adult at risk. In these circumstances an Information Sharing Meeting may be held. Organisational safeguarding procedures will be considered if more than 1 adult is involved. **Care should be taken by the Chair to avoid a S42 enquiry**