

What is making safeguarding personal?

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is about putting the adult at the centre of a safeguarding concern, right from the beginning and until the very end.

MSP is about having a conversation led by the adult or their representative, to find out what happened, and what outcomes they want.

What do I need to do to make safeguarding personal?

To make safeguarding personal, you will:

- Share your concerns – if safe to do so – about abuse and neglect with the adult, and ask what they want to change. Agree who will raise the safeguarding concern;
- Discuss risk and what needs to be done to make them safer;
- Ask who they want to be told, or seek the views of family or friends, if the adult lacks capacity to decide;
- Consider the use of an advocate, if the adult has not got support and have substantial difficulty taking part in safeguarding decisions; and
- Keep the adult involved – it is their life

Adult safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. Adult safeguarding needs all agencies to work together to prevent abuse, or to stop it when it is happening. You can achieve this by following the six safeguarding principles that underpin all adult safeguarding work:

Empowerment

People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and give informed consent

Prevention

It is better to take action before harm occurs

Proportionality

The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented

Protection

Support and representation for those in greatest need

Partnership

Working with communities who have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting abuse and neglect

Accountability

Accountability and transparency in safeguarding practice

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