

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Octobers edition

This edition looks at when a safeguarding adult concern should be made to the MASH based at Brunswick House in Hull.

The Board published the Local Operating Guidance last year on this subject. Click on the link to download the guidance which is very easy to understand and use.

http://safeguardingadultshull.com/articles/Local_Operating_Guidance/61

Despite this guidance there are a large amount of "safeguarding" concerns that are being made that do not follow the guidance and are being made inappropriately

If you are unsure whether the three things are present then give the MASH a ring on 01482 616092 BEFORE you commit pen to paper and get some live time professional advice on what to do next.

A safeguarding concern cannot be made simply because the person has a vulnerability...there needs to be 2 other things happening at the same time which is explained opposite.



When do I make a safeguarding concern?

To make a safeguarding concern to the multi agency safeguarding hub.. the MASH...there must be 3 things present...

The Care Act now places a duty on Hull City Council to carry out safeguarding enquiries under S42 of the Act.

For this duty to be triggered there **MUST** be 3 things happening..

1. The person you are making the concern about has a "care and support" need
2. The person must be at risk of or suffering abuse or neglect
3. Because of their care and support need the person cannot protect themselves

The duty to make the safeguarding enquiry only applies when all three things are present and it is these enquiries that the MASH undertake.

What is "Care and Support"

The first criteria that needs to be met is the person you are making the safeguarding concern about has a care and support need. The Care Act defines it as....

Purpose of the Section 42 Enquiry.

- Under the Care Act the purpose of the enquiry is to establish if Hull City Council or another agency should do something to help and protect the person with care and support needs
- The enquiry is not to substantiate abuse or neglect. This is not the purpose of the enquiry and this is not one of the outcomes listed under the Care Act
- The persons wishes as to what the outcomes are should be at the forefront of any enquiry and should be achieved wherever possible.

• Making Safeguarding



Personal...

- This is the golden thread of adult safeguarding.
- Safeguarding is about achieving the outcomes of the person and ensuring their views are at the centre of anything we do
- Examples of good practice will be shared throughout the next edition

- An older person,
- A person with a physical or learning disability or a sensory impairment,
- Someone with mental health needs including dementia or a personality disorder,
- A person with a long-term health condition,
- Someone who misuses substances or alcohol to the extent that it affects their day-to-day living,
- A carer, providing unpaid care to a family member or friend.

Abuse or Neglect

Secondly the person must also be at risk of or experiencing one or more of the types of abuse or neglect.

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological
- Organisational
- Financial
- Discrimination
- Neglect including self neglect
- Modern Slavery
- Domestic Abuse

Unable to protect...

Thirdly the person you are referring, as a result of their care and support need is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect

And finally.....

Consent.....

If the person you are making the safeguarding concern about has capacity then you **MUST** obtain consent to share their personal information with the MASH. Consent can be overridden if the person lacks capacity or other people are at risk of abuse or neglect