



# CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BRIEFING

## No. 1 MULTI-AGENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES

### What is Adult Safeguarding? (Care Act 2014, Section 42)

Agencies and their staff have a legal duty to safeguard adults who:

1. Need care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and;
2. Are experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
3. As a result of those care and support needs are unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

If someone does not meet these criteria but is at risk you should consider what help is available to them and assist them in seeking that help. If you are not certain if someone would qualify for safeguarding then please discuss this with your agency lead or Social Care.

### Making Safeguarding Personal

We need to ensure that the views of the adult are central to all that is done to safeguard them and that what we do is proportionate to their situation. We should do with people and not do to them, and the focus should be on ensuring a positive outcome in line with their wishes. <https://www.local.gov.uk/topics/social-care-health-and-integration/adult-social-care/making-safeguarding-personal>

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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough now have one joint Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and a set of Policies and Procedures have been developed and authorised for all agencies and staff working within its area.

**The Policy** sets out each agency's role and responsibilities and what you can expect of them. Every partner must have its own policy that works in line with the wider multi-agency SAB Policy. It supports effective safeguarding by fostering a consistent approach across all organisations. It can be found at <http://www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk/adults-board/information-for-professionals/cpsabsafeguardingpolicy/>

**The Procedures** provide clear guidance to staff on how they should respond to a safeguarding concern.

- The procedures have been drafted by a multi-agency group and reflect current legislation and good practice. They are written in line with the Care Act 2014 and promote the Making Safeguarding Personal principles. They set out expectations and standards for staff in all agencies that are involved in identifying, referring, assessing and managing safeguarding concerns.
- They can be found at <http://www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk/adults-board/information-for-professionals/cpsabprocedures/>
- The material is presented in a way that can be read on a computer or mobile device. A pdf is available to print but it will be the responsibility of the agency using a printed version to ensure that it is the most up to date version and in line with the web documents.
- The expectation is that the professional or member of the public accessing the procedures will go to the section relevant to their situation. Easy links are available throughout the document to enable the reader to access additional information and guidance.
- The procedures will be regularly updated in line with statutory change and the development of good professional practice.
- The SAB is in the process of developing a website that will include Multi-agency policies and Guidance as well as resources for staff
- Your agency is responsible for providing the training that equips you to carry out your role. The SAB is developing multi-agency training designed to support and enhance this single agency training. It will cover the key points of communication between agencies and how to undertake high quality multi-agency work. It will be delivered by staff with a range of professional backgrounds to a cross agency audience.

