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Background:

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) aims to develop an outcomes focus to all safeguarding work, and a range of responses to support people to improve or resolve their circumstances. Under the statutory Care and Support Guidance 2018 for safeguarding enquiries, this includes; having regards to an adults views, wishes feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action. Professionals should work within the 6 principles of the Care Act which are Empowerment, Prevention, Proportionality, Protection, Partnership, and Accountability.



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Why it matters:

Professionals who work with individuals under section 42 of the Care Act should always seek the views of the individual at the beginning, middle and end of their intervention ("no decision about me without me"). Ensure that the outcomes are obtained and recorded so the individual has control, and feels empowered to make choices and decisions about their life.

MSP is about person centred and outcome focused practice.

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What to do?

Ask, record and work with individuals towards achieving their views, wishes and desired outcomes. Ask the individual who they would like to be involved or consulted with as part of the intervention.

Discuss with them any options that are available including any options that are not available or are unachievable. Develop a plan so the individual knows how to stay safe.

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Information

MSP is how professionals work with adults with care and support needs to ensure that they are making a difference to their lives by taking into account what matters to them so that the interventions are personal and meaningful. MSP can prevent and resolve abuse and neglect an individual's life and build their personal resilience.

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Information:

If it appears that a person has care and support needs, then a judgement must be made as to whether that person has substantial difficulty in being involved and, if there is not an appropriate individual to support them, an independent advocate must be appointed to support and represent the person for the purpose of assisting their involvement in the safeguarding issue.

See www.rbsab.org for more details.

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Information:

Professionals should work with individuals to recognise the potential for abuse or neglect and develop support systems to promote and maintain the individual's wellbeing and safety. Professionals should work with wider multi-agency professionals to prevent abuse and neglect occurring and engage with communities to ensure individuals safety and build resilience.

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Information

Family and wider support network: It is important to consider an individual in the context of their family and wider support networks taking into account the impact of the individuals need who support them and take steps to help others access information or support.