

# Safeguarding Adults GDPR



## MythBuster

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 **do not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping people safe.** They serve to ensure that personal information is shared appropriately .

Information **can be shared without consent** to keep an individual at risk safe from neglect or physical, emotional or mental harm, or if it is protecting their physical, mental, or emotional wellbeing. **But, where possible, consent should be sought** from the individual before information is shared.

**Keep a record of your decision** and the reasons for it—whether it is to share information or not. If you decide to share, then record what you have shared, with whom and for what purpose.

Ensure that the information you share is **necessary** and **proportionate** for the purpose for which you are sharing it, is shared only with those individuals who need to have it (i.e. **relevant**), is **adequate** for its purpose, is **accurate** and up to date, is shared in a **timely** fashion and is shared **securely**.

Use your judgement when making decisions about what information to share. If in doubt, speak with your manager.

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