

Safeguarding Adults

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Safeguarding News Headlines



- 20.04.17 – Thieving Blyth care worker stole thousands from 91 year old dementia sufferer
- 27.07.17 – Killers jailed for life over murder of vulnerable man Jimmy Prout
- 10.08.17 – More than 700 women and girls victims of sexual exploitation in North East
- 15.01.18 – Warrants executed across Newcastle and Gateshead in Modern Day Slavery investigation

... tip of the iceberg

In 2016/17 across Newcastle and Gateshead

7590

Safeguarding Adult Concerns were raised

What is Adult Safeguarding?

- Protecting an adult's right to live in **safety, free from abuse and neglect.**
- People and organisations **working together** to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect
- Making sure that the adult's **wellbeing** is promoted, including, where appropriate, having regard to their **views, wishes, feelings and beliefs** in deciding on any action

(Care Act 2014 Statutory Guidance)

The Care Act 2014



Care Act 2014

- Introduced statutory **Safeguarding Adults Boards**



- Introduced **Safeguarding Adult Reviews**
- Created a **legal duty** for local authorities to undertake S42 Safeguarding Adult Enquiries in particular situations.
- Introduced an **assessment** for those caring for adults with needs for care and support.

10 Categories of Abuse

Physical

Sexual

Psychological

Financial or material

Neglect or acts of omission

Discriminatory

Organisational

Domestic Violence

(including Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation)

Modern Slavery

Self-Neglect

Section 42, The Care Act 2014



Care Act 2014

This duty states that the Council must **make** enquiries, or **cause others to make** enquiries on behalf of the Council, if it is **believed an adult** in the **Council's area**:

- Has **needs for care and support** (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs);
- Is **experiencing**, or is **at risk of**, abuse or neglect; and
- **As a result** of those needs is **unable to protect** themselves against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

Key Principles

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

Prevention – it is better to take action before harm occurs

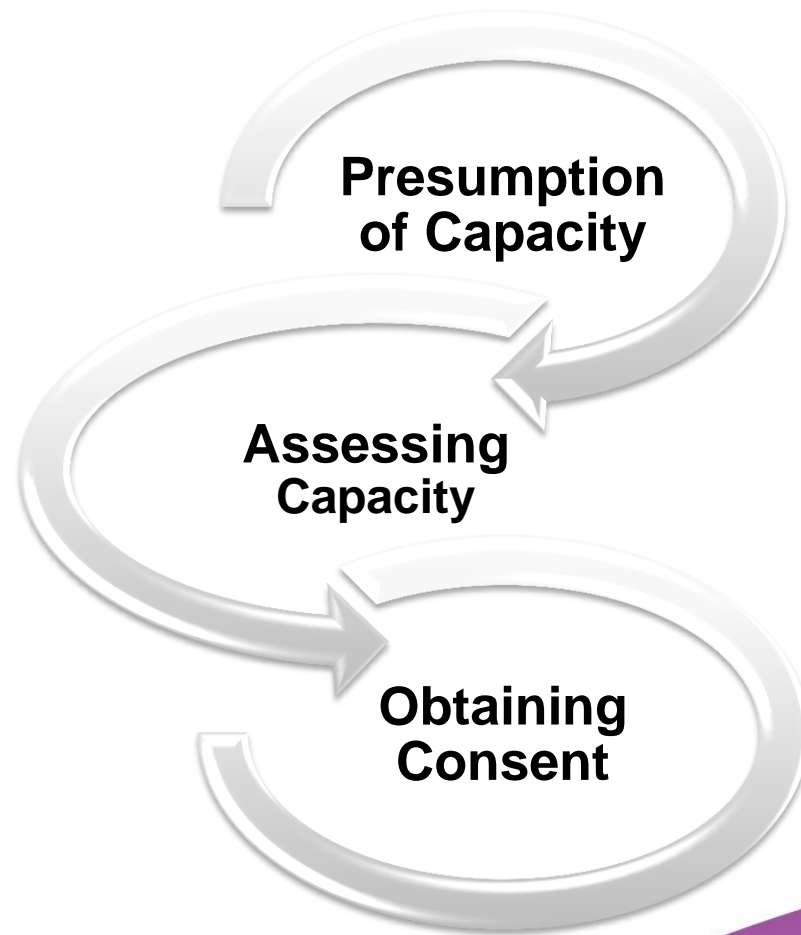
Proportionality – the least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented

Protection – support and representation for those in greatest need

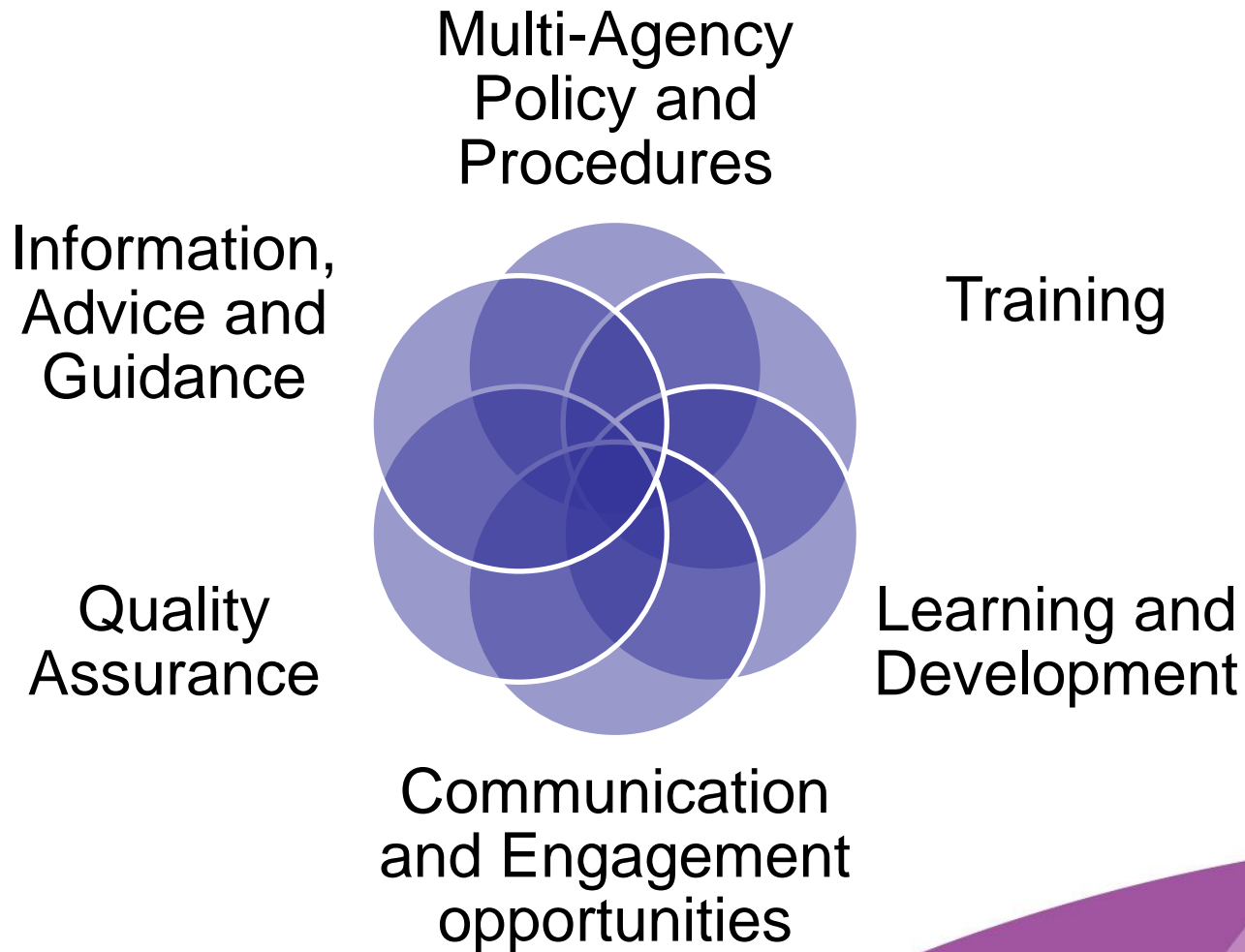
Partnership – local solutions through services working with their communities

Accountability – accountability and transparency

Capacity and Consent



Safeguarding Adult Boards



Role of the VCS

- ✓ Up-to-date, functional policies and procedures
- ✓ Knowledge of when to report concerns, and who to report to
- ✓ Clients who understand safeguarding and help shape responses to it
- ✓ A safeguarding lead / champion
- ✓ A trained workforce – in safeguarding and the MCA

Role of the VCS

- ✓ A balance of choice, control and safety – helping to Make Safeguarding Personal
- ✓ Integrated, cooperative working with other partners
- ✓ The scope to engage with, or lead on, Section 42 Enquiries
- ✓ An emphasis on prevention, information and advocacy

Any Questions

