



Quick guide to Making Safeguarding Personal

What is Making Safeguarding Personal

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is an approach required by all agencies undertaking safeguarding duties in terms of the Care Act 2014. This means all safeguarding activities should be:

Person-led	Outcomes focussed	Supportive of involvement, choice and control	Improve the quality of life for the person and promote well-being and safety
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Safeguarding is a multi-agency system and all agencies need to develop an organisational culture which is supportive of this approach. Fundamentally it is about organisational culture and should run through all safeguarding activities, policies, procedures, and training.

What do agencies need to consider?

Are all policies and procedures reflective of the MSP approach and compliant with the 6 principles of adult safeguarding:

6	Safeguarding Principles (SCIE 6 Principles)	
	1 > Empowerment	4 > Proportionate
	2 > Protection	5 > Partnership
	3 > Prevention	6 > Accountable

Ensure staff are supported to work in a person-centred way. This means not ‘fitting people into services’ but rather having a flexible approach to support people to get the services they need. Encouraging use of multi-agency networks to ensure a holistic approach to supporting people.

Ensure that risk assessments achieve a balance between autonomy and protection. As far as practical, engage wider support networks in risk assessment processes to ensure there is a shared understanding. Make use of the [RWSAB Multi-agency Risk Assessment Framework](#)

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“What good is making someone safe if it merely makes them miserable?”

Justice Mumby

What does MSP mean to the person?

- A personalised approach to adult safeguarding that is led by the individual, not by the process.
- It is vital that the adult feels that they are the focus and they have control over the process.
- It is about getting a person to tell us what kind of help they want, listening to them and making sure that what the person wants is understood and is a part of any plans

What does MSP mean to practitioners?

- Always think of prevention of abuse and neglect and not only reacting to specific incidents.
- Working in partnership with all agencies and individuals involved in the person's life.
- Be flexible and ensure you enable the person to be involved which helps them to express their views
- Ensure the persons views and wishes are listened to and respected.
- Recognise the persons right to make choices on how they live their lives
- Avoid prioritising process and making assumptions



What resources are available to help partners?

LGA and ADASS have a range of resources:
[MSP](#), [MSP Toolkit](#), [Case examples](#), [MSP Myths and realities](#), [Leading MSP](#), [Working with risk](#)

Video: [ADASS LGA video MSP](#) (December 2019)

MSP for providers and commissioners: [LGA MSP](#) (2017)