

Safeguarding Adults Do's and Don'ts Post Care Act 2014

The following six principles within the care act underpin safeguarding activity and are referenced in the revised pan London guidance.

Protection

Don't ignore abuse

Prevention

Do report abuse if you suspect or witness it whether you are a professional or just someone who is concerned for another person. Safeguarding still is everyone's business.

Empowerment

Do involve the person affected in the decision to report whenever possible

Do always inform the person who raises a concern about next steps and decisions made

Do always put and keep the person who has been harmed at the centre of the safeguarding process including providing advocacy where necessary

Do always ensure that the person alleged to have been harmed is asked what they want to happen and what they would like to see as a desired outcome of the safeguarding process or consult with their representative

Don't ignore the wishes of those directly affected by safeguarding concerns and remember that what they want as an outcome may differ from what you or your organisation want to happen

Partnership

Do be flexible and fit in with people's individual needs as much as possible taking in to consideration issues with communication, language, culture and all forms of disability and need

Don't just make decision's about safeguarding concerns without involving the person directly affected

Proportionality

Don't forget that sometimes people make unwise choices and decisions and remember this when balancing risk against choice and control

Don't make things more complicated than they really need to be and never forget that the most important person involved in the process is the person affected

Accountability

Do ensure that confidentiality is paramount and that safeguarding information is only shared on a need to know basis with permission from the person affected directly by the concern/s

Do always ensure that people affected by safeguarding concerns and those involved in any enquiry are informed in a way that is understandable to them about the eventual outcome

Don't complete a process and file it away without sharing with the person affected and their representatives

Don't place your organisation at the centre of the safeguarding process instead of the individual or people affected by safeguarding concerns