



# **Safeguarding Adults for the Partnership Board**

## **And**

## **Review of**

## **No Secrets**

## **Consultation**

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# What I am going to talk about today

- To tell you about what Partnership Boards should know about Safeguarding Adults
- To ask you what you need to do about Safeguarding Adults
- To tell you how No Secrets the guidance on safeguarding is being looked at by the Government and they want everybody's views
- How do we feed your views into this

## What is Safeguarding Adults with Learning Disabilities?

**Safeguarding Adults with Learning Disabilities** is an information pack to help Partnership Boards work well to stop abuse from happening and help people who have been abused.





## What is abuse and neglect?

Abuse is when someone hurts you or treats you badly. Abuse is always wrong. There are different kinds of abuse.



Physical abuse - when someone hurts you, for example hitting, kicking, biting, pinching hard enough to leave bruises.



Sexual abuse - when someone touches your body in ways you do not like or want. This includes kissing you, making you touch them, having sex with you when you do not want them to.



Emotional abuse - when people talk to you in unkind ways. For example, teasing, threatening, swearing, ignoring you, shouting, making you feel bad and treating you like a child.



Neglect is when the person who is supposed to be looking after you does not help you at all. For example, not giving you food, not bathing you or leaving you locked in a room by yourself.



The people who need to be safeguarded includes everyone - but especially vulnerable adults. These are people who might need help to live a normal life. They are:

- people with disabilities

# What do Partnership Boards need to know

Make sure everyone thinks about abuse and protection. By

- Regularly talking about abuse and safety at meetings
- Reporting concerns about abuse



# What do Partnership Boards need to know

Support people with learning disabilities and their families to report abuse. By

- Making sure they get information about abuse which they can understand
- Making sure that Advocacy services and Self-Advocacy groups are available.



Make sure that all staff and personal assistants get training about abuse and protection.



# What do Partnership Boards need to know

**Make sure there are good quality support services. By**

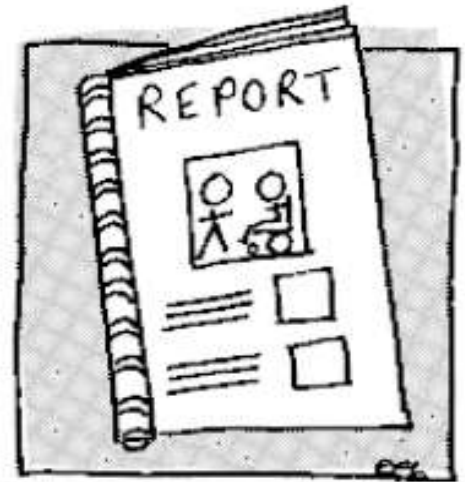
- Making sure the Partnership Board has a Quality Group which monitors and checks how good services are
- Making sure that Person Centred approaches are used



# What do Partnership Boards need to know

Learn from abuse which has already happened.

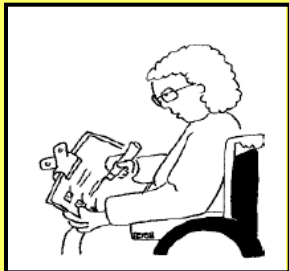
This includes learning from reports about abuse in Cornwall, Sutton and Merton and the Healthcare Commission's National Audit of Services for People with Learning Disabilities.



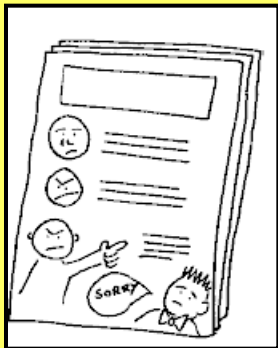
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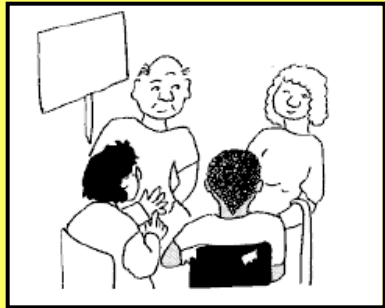


People with learning disabilities, professionals and families should check up on services and find out whether they give good care and support.



Services should make sure people get help to complain.

# What should we be doing ?



Professionals and staff should make sure that people with learning disabilities can speak up and are listened to.



All managers should make sure their service and staff are doing a good job.



All services should have good policies about abuse and take action when people are abused.

# What should we be doing ?



Professionals should plan services carefully.

We need to make sure this happens under our Safety and Quality theme



## What is “No Secrets”?

It is a guide to help keep adults safe. This is often called ‘safeguarding adults’. It is made for people like the police, local authorities, health services and many others.



Safeguarding means making sure you are safe from abuse and neglect. It also means helping you to be independent and to make choices.

## What has No Secrets done so far and why is it being reviewed?



There are 3 main reasons:

1. It has helped some people, but not all.



2. The government wants everyone to have more say in how they are helped. So we need to ask you how you want us to help.

## What has No Secrets done so far



3. People have told us that we need better laws and plans which “No Secrets” does not cover. We need to talk about this more.

# What does the consultation ask us to think about - 9 questions



**Part 1:** Who do you think should be in charge?



**Part 2:** How can we prevent people from being abused?



**Part 3:** How can we learn from how “No Secrets” has been used?



**Part 4:** How can we help people to choose how they are looked after and keep them safe?



**Part 5:** What else can the NHS do?



**Part 6:** How can housing services help safeguard people?



**Part 7:** How can the police and the law help safeguard people?

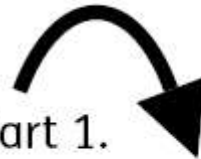


**Part 8:** Do we need a new “No Secrets” and new laws?



**Part 9:** How do we make the meanings of words clearer?

Turn over for Part 1.



# What are we doing in Newcastle



- Event in Newcastle 15 th January
- More aimed at professionals
- Do we a need a separate event
- Should it be quite small scale so we can work with people and get more out of them?



thank you for listening

