



## Multi-Agency Policies and Procedures Updates

The Multi-Agency Policies and Procedures (MAPP) for Leicester City and Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) are updated twice a year and, if you register as a user of the online procedures, you will automatically receive an email letting you know of changes. You can register here:

<http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/home/register/>

Local Guidance and Templates can be updated more regularly. This information is available on this page: <http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/resources/local-guidance-and-templates/>

Below we have highlighted recent key updates:

### LLR Safeguarding Adults Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)

The Information Sharing Agreement (ISA) has been agreed and signed by statutory and voluntary agencies across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland. This is intended to help with the sharing of information across agencies, especially in relation to safeguarding vulnerable adults by:

- Making it easier and quicker for information to be shared securely between agencies
- Removing the uncertainty that often surrounds inter-agency information sharing
- Encouraging agencies to share information to assist with the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

The ISA sits under the Local Guidance and Templates section and is available here: [http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Safeguarding-Adults-ISA-v-1.0-FINAL\\_01.08.17.pdf](http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Safeguarding-Adults-ISA-v-1.0-FINAL_01.08.17.pdf)

### LLR Safeguarding Adults Thresholds Guidance

This guidance seeks to explain the processes involved in making a decision about whether an alert, regarding an adult who has needs for care and support and as a consequence of these is unable to protect themselves from the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect, is progressed through the safeguarding adults procedures. It must be read in conjunction with the LLR SAB Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures (MAPP) which define “abuse” and “neglect.”

The section on Neglect has been updated to include guidance on falls and there is a new section on Domestic Abuse.

The Thresholds Guidance sits under the Local Guidance and Templates section and is available here: <http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LLR-Safeguarding-Adults-Thresholds-Guidance-V0.5.pdf>

## Section 42 Enquiries in Health Settings

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) will undertake the majority of Section 42 enquiries under delegated responsibility from the Local Authorities.

Guidance for the oversight process of Section 42 enquiries in NHS settings has been produced to clarify the Local Authority (LLR) oversight arrangements for safeguarding enquiries, where the alleged abuse or neglect (as defined under the Care Act) occurs in a NHS in-patient setting (defined as a setting wholly staffed and managed by NHS staff).

The Guidance for the Oversight Process of Section 42 Enquiries in NHS Settings sits under the Local Guidance and Templates section and is available here: <http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Guidance-for-S42-NHS-Enquiries-V2-Aug-2017.pdf>

## VARM (Vulnerable Adult Risk Management) Guidance

Any professional can organise a VARM meeting.

Guidance has been produced to seek to provide frontline professionals with a framework to facilitate effective working with adults who are at risk due to self-neglect, where that risk may lead to significant harm or death and the risks are not effectively managed via other processes or interventions. The VARM guidance is used when the adult refuses to engage with services and yet the risk is significant. It is essential to note that the adult must be considered to have a potential need for care and support as well as self-neglect. If the risk from self-neglect is not at the level which may lead to significant harm or death then the VARM process would not be followed.

The guidance is only to be used where the adult has the mental capacity to understand the risks but continues to place themselves at risk of serious harm or death. Where the adult lacks capacity, the Mental Capacity Act should take over and action should be taken under Best Interests.

The VARM Guidance sits under the Local Guidance and Templates section and is available here: <http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/VARM-Guidance-Version-1-April-2017.pdf>

Template documents for VARM meetings can also be found under the Local Guidance and Templates section.

## Resolving Professional Disagreements

Chapter 3.5 of the MAPP addresses resolving professional disagreements. An updated flowchart has been produced to provide guidance on how to escalate a concern arising from differing practitioner view, or disagreement to decisions made or actions taken at any stage of the safeguarding process.

The flowchart is available from this page: <http://www.llradultsafeguarding.co.uk/resolving-professional-disagreements/>