



Defensible Decision Making

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Case Reviews and Audits

Look for defensible decision making

- ▶ Strategic (structures and allocation of resources)
- ▶ Policies and Procedures
- ▶ Management - Supervision
- ▶ Case Work
- ▶ Multi Agency Meetings – plans/reviewing



Exercise Part 1

Question

What does defensible decision-making mean to you in your role with regards to safeguarding adults?

Discuss for 10 mins

What it is not about!

Being defensive

Box ticking

Not static

Hazel Kemshall et al (2011) identifies the following criteria for defensible decision-making

- Decisions grounded in the evidence
- Reliable risk assessment tools
- Collect verify and thoroughly evaluate information
- Record and account for decision making
- Communicate with relevant others seek information you do not have
- Stay within agency policies and procedures

Kemshall et al (2011).....

- Match risk management interventions to risk factors
- *Maintain contact with offender at a level commensurate with the level of risk of harm*
- Respond to escalating risk, deteriorating behaviour and non-compliance

Making Safeguarding Personal

- ▶ **Making Safeguarding Personal toolkit/Practice Handbook - LGA
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The practice toolkit handbook guides you through the best approach and effective application of safeguarding with a range of helpful tools and practice based case examples.

<https://www.local.gov.uk/msp-toolkit>

- ▶ **Making Safeguarding Personal: For Safeguarding Adults Boards**

<https://www.adass.org.uk/media/6137/msp-resources-2017-for-safeguarding-adults-boards.pdf>

- ▶ **Myths and Realities about Making Safeguarding Personal**

<https://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/myths-and-realities-about-making-safeguarding-personal.pdf>

Exercise Part 2 – 15 mins

Question

Using the good decision making tool think of a recent piece of safeguarding adults work you have completed in your role.

Think about how you applied the principles of defensible decision making. What did you do well?

Is there anything that you or others could have done differently?

Research in Practice

- ▶ What is a good decision and the good decision making tool
- ▶ Evidence-informed decision-making approach accompanied by the evidence-informed decisions tool
- ▶ Decision-making skills and using analysis and critical reflection tool
- ▶ Decision-making hats tool
- ▶ Creating a positive risk culture and the risk principles tool
- ▶ Recognising risk influences and the risk influences tool

Full Handbook available as hand out