

Exit Points from the Safeguarding Adults Journey – Barnsley

Decisions regarding exiting the safeguarding journey are currently taken by Safeguarding Managers in the Local Authority. This guidance is intended to:

- Improve transparency about the decision making processes
- Ensure consistency in decision making
- Support recording of safeguarding activities.

It is ESSENTIAL that the decision to exit is reached with the adult unless it can be demonstrated that it is not possible to engage them in this decision making.

| Stage | Reasons to exit |
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| Concern | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Duplicate concern already screened ✓ Does not meet the three stage test for a safeguarding enquiry – state what advice/information has been provided and log for intelligence. ✓ Concern form indicates that the person’s outcomes have been met – log and close ✓ Concern can be dealt with as part of an ongoing S42 enquiry ✓ Adult deceased and no risk to other adults ✓ The adult lacks capacity and it is agreed it is not in their best interests to progress the enquiry and no other adults are at risk |
| Face to Face | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adult has capacity and does not want any support to manage risks and no other adults at risk ✓ Adult’s stated outcomes have been met. Record what actions have been taken by whom to achieve their aims. Record the adult’s view on risk (do they feel that the risks have been removed, reduced or remain and if they feel safer as a result of the safeguarding process by their outcomes being met, partially met or not met) ✓ Adult agrees that the outcomes can be met via other means such as care management or CPA. It is essential that the form is left open (or a planning form created) to evidence, at a later date, that their outcomes have been met/not met/partially met (as above) ✓ Despite repeated attempts it has not been possible to engage the adult in a conversation about the concern and no other adults are at risk. Information should be provided to the adult with the opportunity to come back when they are able to discuss the concern |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The adult lacks capacity to discuss the concerns and it is agreed it is not in their best interests to progress the enquiry and no other adults are at risk |
| <p>Planning meeting This can be a virtual or actual meeting. See guidance on planning meetings</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The adult's outcomes have been met – see face to face for recording of risk/outcomes ✓ The adult has died and the concern does not pose a risk to other adults ✓ The adult decides they no longer want to be involved and they have capacity to make a free and informed decision (we can evidence no duress) and no other adults are at risk ✓ The risks to other adults have been addressed – e.g disciplinary, criminal action etc |
| <p>S42 enquiry</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The adult's outcomes have been met, no risk to other adults and they do not want to attend an outcome meeting, which may be virtual, informal or formal (see guidance). Record risk/safety and outcomes as detailed at face to face stage ✓ The adult no longer wants to be involved, as planning, and no other adults are at risk and no PiPoT issues |
| <p>Outcome meeting – virtual, informal or formal – see guidance</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The adult's outcomes have been met and they feel confident to manage any remaining risks without support ✓ Risks to other adults have been addressed (a safeguarding protection plan is not required; this does not exclude other protective measures – e.g change of accommodation, increased monitoring by contracts management team/CQC etc.) ✓ A balance of probabilities decision about abuse has been reached, if appropriate, and the S42 enquiry (including the outcome meeting minutes) have been shared with DBS, Professional Registration Bodies etc ✓ The adult no longer wants to engage with the safeguarding journey and no other adults are at risk |
| <p>Review outcome meeting(s). The number of these will be agreed with the adult.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The adult's outcomes have been met and they feel confident to manage any remaining risks without support ✓ Risks to other adults have been addressed (a safeguarding protection plan is not required, this does not exclude other protective measures – e.g change of accommodation, increased monitoring by contracts/CQC etc) ✓ The adult no longer wants to engage with the safeguarding journey and no other adults are at risk |