

# 2. Principles and Values

Tameside's Policy for Adult Safeguarding is based on the principles that underpin the Care Act 2014 - those of promoting wellbeing, and putting service users at the centre of all adult safeguarding by making it personal to each individual.

## 2.1 Safeguarding Principles

<b>EMPOWERMENT</b>	People being supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and informed consent	"I am asked what I want as the outcomes from the safeguarding process and these directly inform what happens"
<b>PREVENTION</b>	It is better to take action before harm occurs	"I receive clear and simple information about what abuse is, how to recognise the signs and what I can do to seek help"
<b>PROPORTIONALITY</b>	The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented	"I am sure that the professionals will work in my interest, as I see them and they will only get involved as much as needed"
<b>PROTECTION</b>	Support and representation for those in greatest need	"I get help and support to report abuse and neglect. I get help so that I am able to take part in the safeguarding process to the extent to which I want"
<b>PARTNERSHIP</b>	Local solutions through services working with their communities. Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse	"I know that staff treat any personal and sensitive information in confidence, only sharing what is helpful and necessary. I am confident that professionals will work together and with me to get the best result for me"
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b>	Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding	"I understand the role of everyone involved in my life and so do they"

## 2.2 Making Safeguarding Personal

Making safeguarding personal is an approach to safeguarding that is person-led and outcomes-focused. It is based on conversations with people which establish the person's views, wishes, preferences, histories, circumstances and lifestyle.

It means that Safeguarding Adults:

- Is person led
- Is outcome focussed
- Engages the person and enhanced involvement, choice and control
- Improves quality of life, wellbeing and safety

## 2.3 Wellbeing Principle

The Care Act 2014 introduces a duty to promote wellbeing when carrying out any care and support functions in respect of a person. This is sometimes referred to as "the wellbeing principle" because it is a guiding principle that puts wellbeing at the heart of care and support.

The wellbeing principle applies in all cases where carrying out any care and support function, or making a decision, or safeguarding.

It applies equally to adults with care and support needs and their carer's. "Wellbeing" is a broad concept, and it is described as relating to the following areas in particular:

- Personal dignity (including treatment of the individual with respect).
- Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- Protection from abuse and neglect.
- Control by the individual over day-to-day life (including over care and support provided and the way it is provided).
- Participation in work, education, training or recreation.
- Social and economic wellbeing.
- Domestic, family and personal relationships.
- Suitability of living accommodation.
- The individual's contribution to society

## 2.4 Equality and Diversity

These Policy & Procedures recognises the diversity of our community. Individuals and organisations need to be responsive to needs of different groups and individuals and have due regard to issues relating to:

- Gender
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Racial origin, culture and linguistic background
- Disability
- Age
- Gender identification
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Marriage and civil partnership

This also includes making any reasonable adjustments required for disabled people, including registered British Sign Language (BSL) interpreters.

Within safeguarding procedures actual or potential effects of decisions should be considered in relation to the equality issues above and any subsequent outcomes for the adults at risk. The Equality and Human Rights Commission has more details about the Equality Act and Public Sector Equality Duty.