

# **Safeguarding People**

## **Raising Awareness**

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This course has been designed for the Bracknell Forest  
Safeguarding Partnership Board





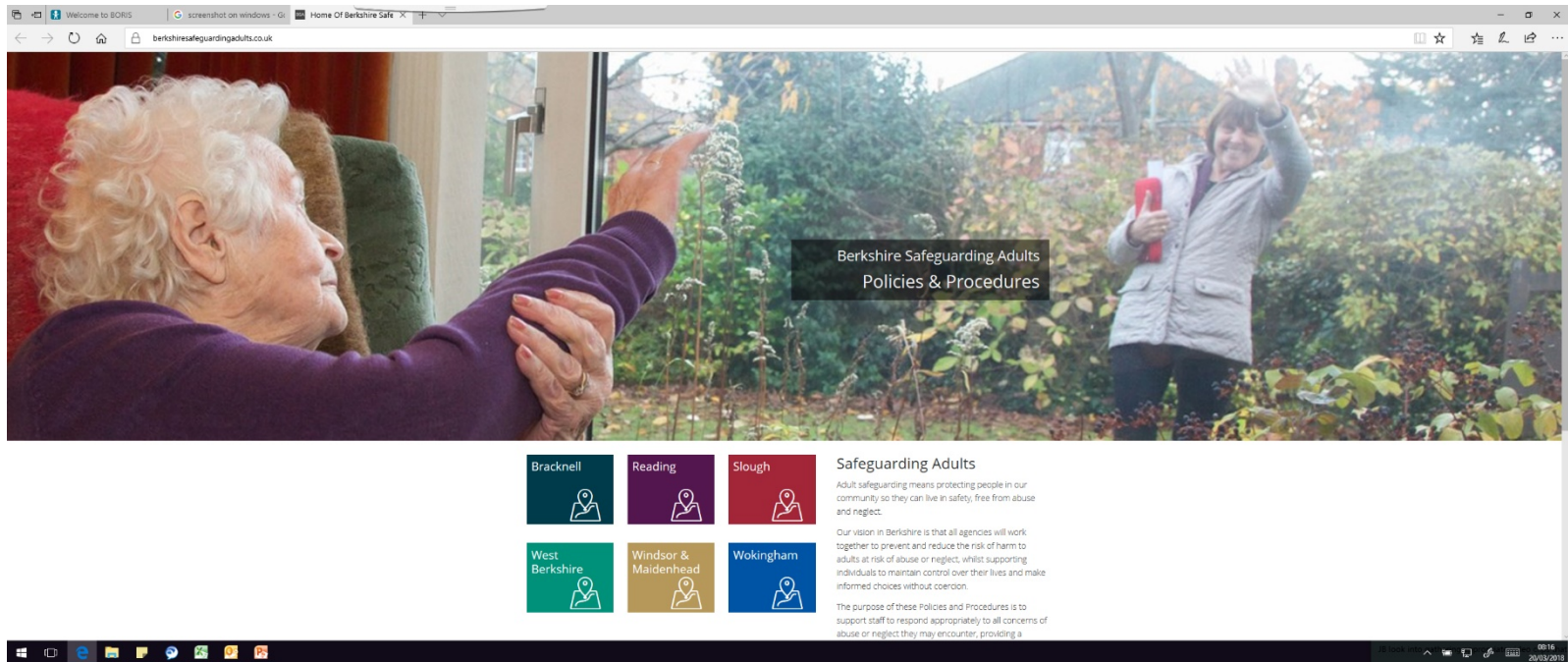
- The Board is responsible for driving developments on adult and child safeguarding across Bracknell Forest.
- The Board works with statutory, private and voluntary sector organisations to promote awareness of the safeguarding agenda.

Board membership includes: East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Thames Valley Police, Berkshire Health Foundation Trust, CQC, Probation, West London Mental Health Trust, Healthwatch, SCAS, Silva Homes.

<https://bracknellforestsafeguarding.org.uk/>



# Berkshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy & Procedures



<https://www.berkshiresafeguardingadults.co.uk/>

## Making Adult Safeguarding Personal

- Is about having conversations with people about safeguarding situations in a way that enhances involvement, choice and control as well as improving quality of life, wellbeing and safety.
- It is about seeing people as experts in their own lives and working alongside them. It is about collecting information about the extent to which this shift has a positive impact on people's lives.
- It is a shift from a process supported by conversations to a series of conversations supported by a process.

# Who might be an adult at risk of harm?

## A person who:

- *Is over 18*
- *Has care and support needs*
- *Is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect and*
- *Is unable to protect themselves because of their care and support needs.*

Care Act 2015

Could somebody be temporarily vulnerable?



HM Government

# Working Together to Safeguard Children

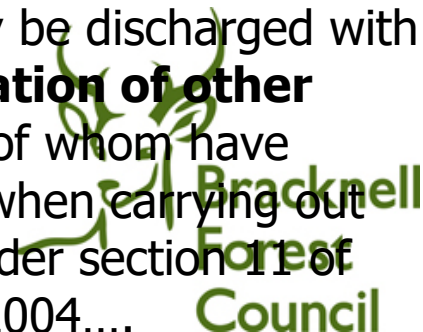
A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

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Whilst it is parents and carers who have primary care for their children, local authorities, **working with** partner organisations and agencies, have specific duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area....

**The Children Acts of 1989 and 2004** set out specific duties: section 17 of the Children Act 1989 puts a duty on the local authority to provide services to children in need in their area, regardless of where they are found....

These duties placed on the local authority can only be discharged with the **full co-operation of other partners**, many of whom have individual duties when carrying out their functions under section 11 of the Children Act 2004....



# Working Together – What do children & young people want from practitioners?

*Vigilance*

*Understanding & Action*

*Stability*

*Respect*

*Information  
& Engagement*

*Explanation*

*Support*

*Advocacy*



## Learning from Tragedy – Daniel Pelka

Daniel died, aged 4, as a result of a head injury. He was the victim of physical and emotional abuse and neglect.

### Learning Points:

- Domestic abuse is always a child protection issue
- Seek the direct views of the child
- There should never be sole reliance on a parent's explanation of events about family relationships and associated risks
- Professional accountability for record keeping, timely reports and recording of key actions



**When faced with significant and complex concerns about a child's welfare, it is essential that professionals "think the unthinkable".**



# Making a Child Safeguarding Referral

- The MASH will take ***all the new safeguarding*** contacts /enquiries to the Local Authority.
- The MASH will send all relevant referrals that meet Children's Social Care criteria for an assessment to that team.
- 01344 352 005

***(Follow up in writing within 48 hours. You can also phone this number to ask for a consultation with a social worker.)***

- [MASH@bracknell-forest.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

Out of Hours Team 01344 786543 (When the office is closed and the issue cannot wait until it re-opens)

If a concern is raised about a professional or volunteer's conduct towards a child, the Local Authority Designated Officer should be contacted on tel no: 01344 351572



# Contact Information

## EMERGENCY

- If an individual is at risk of immediate harm call the emergency services on 999.

## INITIAL CONTACT

- Bracknell Forest Council 01344 351500 (all safeguarding concerns are then directed to the appropriate duty safeguarding manager)
- Out of Hours Team 01344 786543 (When the office is closed and the issue cannot wait until it re-opens)