

# Adult Safeguarding: Multi Agency Risk Management (MARM) Meeting Agenda

## A. Introductions

## B. Apologies

*(Indicate if update or report provided by non-attendees)*

## C. Purpose of the meeting

- To obtain the views and outcomes of the adult and/or their representative(s)
- To facilitate a multi-agency assessment of the current level of self-neglect risk
- To review any immediate risks and mitigating factors
- To agree an interim plan for the adult, including lead agency and timescales
- To agree a multi-agency action plan
- To agree who will have ongoing communication with the adult at risk and/or their representative(s)

## D. Confidentiality agreement:

All information shared at this meeting is strictly confidential. It should not be used for any purpose other than the safeguarding or care of the adult(s) concerned. If any individual or organisation wishes to share information from this discussion this must be agreed at the meeting, or with permission from the Chairperson at a later date.

## 1. Reason for the meeting - nature of concerns

## 2. Relevant background information

## 3. Adult's views and outcomes (or their representative)

## 4. Agency information and discussion

## 5. Adult's capacity to make decisions in relation to self neglect risks, and any other associated decisions.

## 6. Risk assessment and mitigating factors

## 7. Interim Plan

*(to be documented on Action Plan template)*

## 8. Agreed Action Plan

*(to be documented on Action Plan template)*

## 9. Further meetings

## Adult Safeguarding : Key Definitions

**Abuse:** The City of York Council defines abuse as *'A violation of an individual's human and civil rights by any other person or persons'* [No secrets, DH 2000]. Abuse can be broken down into a number of categories. The most common forms of abuse are physical, psychological and financial abuse. The term abuse also covers the act of 'neglect'.

**Adult at Risk:** The City of York Council defines an Adult at Risk as a person *'who is or may be in need of community care services by reason of mental or other disability, age or illness and is or maybe unable to take care of him or herself, or unable to protect him or herself against significant harm or exploitation'* [No Secrets 2000].

**Mental Capacity:** The presumption is that adults have mental capacity to make informed choices about their own safety and how they live their lives. However, if we believe that someone may lack capacity due to an impairment of or disturbance in the functioning of their mind or brain, we will need to assess this. In order to assess whether someone has capacity, we must look at their ability to understand the implications of their situation, to take action themselves to prevent abuse, and to participate to the fullest extent possible in decision making about interventions.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding is the act of attempting to reduce the risk that a person faces. Safeguarding Procedures should be applied to all people who fall within the definition of an 'adult at risk', and should not usually be applied to those who do not. CYC has a statutory responsibility to lead on the safeguarding of adults within York.

**Serious Harm:** CYC defines serious harm as *"...ill-treatment (including sexual abuse and forms of ill treatment that are not physical); the impairment of, or an avoidable deterioration in, physical or mental health; and the impairment of physical, emotional, social or behavioural development"* [Law Commission 1995].