

## 7 MINUTE BRIEFING – Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub



### 1. What is Knowsley Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, (MASH)?

- The MASH provides a 'first point of contact' for members of the public and professionals to raise concerns about a child or adult at risk
- Sec 42 of the Care Act places a duty on local authorities to make enquiries, or cause enquiries to be made, where certain adults are considered to be experiencing or at risk of abuse or neglect

### 2. Who is part of MASH?

- Adult Social Care (ASC)
  - Children's Social Care (CSC)
  - Family First 0-18 service (FF)
- The following partner agencies are part of MASH:
- Police, Health, Education, Probation, Housing, SHIELD (Child Exploitation and Missing Service)

### 3. What is Safeguarding Adults?

- Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect
- It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop abuse and neglect
- It also means making sure that the adult's wellbeing is supported and their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs are respected when agreeing on any action

### 4. Who does it apply to?

Safeguarding responsibilities apply to any person aged 18 or over who:

- has needs for care and support
- is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse and neglect and
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect himself or herself from either the risk of, or the experience of, abuse or neglect

### 7. Who to contact

- If you are worried that an adult is at risk of abuse and neglect, you can contact the Knowsley Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, MASH, on: 0151 443 2600
- Or you can report your concerns online by clicking:  
<https://forms.knowsley.gov.uk/AdultSafeguarding>

### 6. Making Safeguarding Personal

- The adult is the centre of any safeguarding enquiry
- All professionals who are involved must consider the wishes and views of the adult
- It is important that MASH listens to what the adult wants, what being safe means to them and what the person can do to contribute to their own safety

### 5. What does MASH do?

- Social workers in MASH have responsibility for making enquiries about concerns raised
- This includes talking to other partner agencies who might know the person
- It is important to think about what can be done immediately to make the person safe
- Also, reduce the risk of abuse and neglect happening again