



# Merton's Safeguarding Adults Champions

Safeguarding Adults & DoLS Team

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# What is Safeguarding?

- Definition - Safeguarding means protecting a person from abuse and maltreatment; enabling them to live free from harm, cruelty and/or neglect.
- As a local authority the council has statutory duties around safeguarding
- However, **We Are All Responsible** for ensuring those within our community are safe and living free from harm.



# Who is a Safeguarding Adults Champions?

- Safeguarding Adults Champions are a key component of our approach to safeguarding adults
- This was developed in response to the Merton Safeguarding Adults Board (MSAB) priorities around strengthening community engagement and keeping adults as risk safe
- Anyone who lives and works in Merton who want to help share clear and consistent messages from the Merton Safeguarding Adults Board and it's subgroups
- Examples of Safeguarding Adult Champions are: residents, service providers, LBM Officers, VCS reps, Clinicians and more!



# The role of the champions

1. Receive the latest updates on the work of the MSAB and be the 'ears and eyes' for safeguarding adults in the community via monthly online forums

Key messages can be delivered to targeted audiences via faith groups, day centres and other community resources.

2. Share this information with family, friends, work colleagues, and the wider community

Champions can spread the message via appropriate communication channels. We will support you in what ever way we can

3. Feedback to us what is working well, what isn't and what are the needs of the community

Everyone sharing – we want to hear from the champions too: what info do you need? what are the issues in the community?



# WHAT SAFEGUARDING ADULTS CHAMPIONS DO NOT DO

- Our Safeguarding Adults Champions are not specialists or safeguarding experts
- If you are asked a question and are unsure of, or don't know, the answer please share it with the Safeguarding Adults Team and we will provide a timely response to your question
- If you would like a registration form or have a general question you can email [msab@merton.gov.uk](mailto:msab@merton.gov.uk)
- Our Safeguarding Adult Champions do not formally represent Merton Council but are very much part of our extended team of partners.

