

# Seven-Minute Briefing: MARM

## About

This briefing is intended to empower all agencies (in their management of risk) to feel confident to instigate multi-agency risk management meetings. This is in relation to people with complex needs or circumstances who do not require or meet the criteria for a local authority led adult safeguarding enquiry under Section 42 the Care Act (2014).



## 7. Information Sharing & Practical Tips

- Follow SSAB's Information Sharing and Safeguarding Adults guidance.
- Share information confidentially and in the adult's best interests.
- Clearly state why invitees are needed; escalate through management if necessary.
- Feedback on the process is welcomed to improve future practice.

## 6 Key Actions & Documentation

- Appoint chair and minute taker.
- Confirm capacity and gather views.
- Identify and assess risks; develop a SMART action plan.
- Escalate non-attendance/disagreements via the [SSAB Resolving Professional Differences](#) process.
- Record minutes/actions securely; **review risk assessments and contingency plans regularly.**
- If the risk increases, consider submitting a [Safeguarding Concern](#).

## 5. Instigating and Coordinating a MARM Meeting

- **Any practitioner** can initiate; the organisation with concerns arranges the first meeting.
- Lead agency/professional determined at the first meeting and may change.
- Lead professional coordinates engagement and follow-up.

## 4. Practitioner Preparation

- Clearly define concerns and risks.
- Gather the individual's views or those of their representative.
- Assess mental capacity and advocacy needs.
- Identify relevant agencies and arrange support for the individual to attend meetings.

## 1. What is [MARM](#)?

- A process for managing risks for adults with complex needs who do not meet the criteria for a Section 42 safeguarding enquiry under the Care Act (2014).
- Ensures coordinated, multi-agency responses for those at significant risk due to complex circumstances, not necessarily abuse or neglect.

## 2 When to Use MARM?

- When safeguarding alerts don't progress to Section 42 but concerns remain.
- Where vulnerability factors (e.g., mate crime, network abuse), self-neglect, hoarding, or fire safety issues exist.
- If the person refuses or disengages from support, or their needs span multiple agencies.
- Where lifestyle choices or behaviours place the adult or others at risk.
- In cases involving domestic violence, mental health, substance misuse, or complex hospital discharges.

## 3. Involving the Person

- Guided by the **six principles of adult safeguarding.**
- Adults should be involved as much as possible; if not, their views and wishes must still be considered.
- Decisions should reflect their preferences, and they should be kept informed and supported.

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