



# **What happens when you work with the safeguarding team**

**They can help if you may be unsafe**

# About this booklet

We are the safeguarding adults team in Gloucestershire



We help make sure that people are safe.

We may work with you if you might be unsafe.

For example, if someone:

- Has hurt you
- Has tried to hurt you
- Has left you without the care you need



# What happens if we work with you

## We will talk to you

We will talk to you about:

- Why you might be unsafe
- How to keep you safe
- What you want to happen.



We will try to help with this if we can.

The person who works with you is usually called a **social worker**.

## We will look into what is happening to you

This is called an **enquiry**.

Someone will talk to you about what happened.





This could be the social worker or someone else who works with you.

You can have someone to support you if you want.

We may have to:

- Talk to other people as well
- Look at other information

This will help us know how you can keep safe.



## **We will make a plan with you about how to keep safe**

The plan will be about what you want and need.



Sometimes we may ask someone else to speak for you when we make the plan.

This could be someone from your family or a friend.

Or someone called an advocate.





We only do this if we find that you cannot make your own choices.

There is a law about this that we follow.



We make sure that everything is about what is best for you.

**We may have a meeting with you and other people**



Sometimes other people need to help make the plan to keep you safe.

For example, people who support you to be safe.



You can come to the meeting.

You can bring someone to support you if you want.



But you don't have to come to the meeting.

We will still talk about what you want at the meeting.



Sometimes you may have to leave the meeting for a short time.

This happens if we need to talk about keeping other people safe.



We need to keep their information private.



**We will meet with you to see how your plan is working**



This is called a **review meeting**.

We may need to have more meetings with you after that.

**We will ask you what you think of our work**



We will do this after we stop working with you.

We will give you some questions to answer.



## **If you have any questions**

Please ask your social worker.

They will be happy to help.



**My social worker's name is:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**



**If you are worried that someone is unsafe call us on 01452 426868.**