

# 7 Minute Briefing – Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)

*“what good is making safer if it merely makes them more miserable”*

Lord Justice Munby

Safeguarding means different things to each person

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## 1 – MSP is

- person-led
- outcome focused
- Engages the person and enhances involvement, choice and control
- Improves quality of life, wellbeing and safety

## 2 – MSP Whole Systems Approach

MSP must not simply be seen in the context of formal safeguarding, but in the whole spectrum of activity

MSP is not only a focus on personalised front line practice – it requires a whole system approach across all agencies

## 3 – MSP in Practice

- MSP is a shift in culture and practice, it's about putting the person at the centre
- It's about having conversations with people about how we might respond
- Seeing people as experts in their own lives
- Asking people their views and wishes and working with them to achieve these

## 4 – Key Questions

- What is the person's views and wishes?
- What outcome does the person want?
- How can we support them to achieve their views and wishes?

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## 5 – Views and Wishes

You may find that some people's views and wishes change as they become more confident, have greater insight into their situation and their expectations change

It is important to work with the person to negotiate a more realistic outcome if appropriate

## 6 – MSP & MCA

It is vital that MSP is not seen only for people who have capacity

Research has found that identifying appropriate representatives / advocates is key to MSP work – where people lack capacity, engagement is still very often possible

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