

Making safeguarding personal

How personal???

- Barriers to making safeguarding personal



Hurdles to MSP



I think it will upset him/her to talk about it

His parents don't want me to speak to him about it

He wont be able to understand

It will take too much time

It's obvious isn't it?

Anyway how can she tell me?



Focus on the person

The focus should always be on the individual.

Who/what is important to them



How to involve people meaningfully

- Advocacy
- Translation
- Pictures
- Signing
- Makaton
- Writing
- Most of all listening to what people say



Meetings

- OH NO!!



Where should it be held

How formal?

Who should attend?

How can they get there

Accessibility?

Cost?

Daisy

- Daisy was an 80 yr old woman who has her own home, has limited support provided by a niece and who has a diagnosis of early dementia.
- She went to stay with her daughter for a short while. The daughter has a history of alcohol abuse.
- During the stay the daughter physically assaulted her mother whilst drunk and locked her in the kitchen overnight. The police were called by a neighbour after she managed to “escape”.
- Daisy was taken to hospital where she stayed for a number of days due to her injuries.
- The police arrested the daughter and imposed a bail condition that she should not have contact with her mother.
- When Daisy was well she was made aware of this situation and was very distressed to be unable to contact her daughter.
- What could be done? What needs to be considered?

Tom

- Tom has LD and lives in a flat with two other men who also have LD. They all hold tenancies. Tom has known one of the men for a long time and gets on well with him. Whilst he appears to get on well with the other man he did not know him before moving into the flat.
- One day Tom tells his support worker that the new tenant has sexually assaulted him. He is very clear in his description of what happened. The police are called as are AHC
- The police suggest the “perpetrator” is removed but AHC state this cannot be done as he has a right through his tenancy to live there and the police advise they cannot inform him of the allegation against him.
- Extra Support is put in place to minimise any risk. However Tom again says this person tried to kiss him so want him to leave.
- What could we do?

Thoughts

- The case studies used are complex but are not so unusual as one might think.
- Some of the issues these bring up will hopefully be discussed at the end of the morning when we have the Table Top discussion.

Road to Recovery

- Safeguarding is everybody's business but it is crucial to involve the person at risk so that they can also consider their own safety!!!

