

# Threat and Vulnerability: Safeguarding

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# Vulnerability

*“A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances, they are unable to take care of or protect themselves from harm or exploitation.”*



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# Vulnerability

- Understanding vulnerability
- Recognising vulnerability in day to day policing
- Information and information sharing
- Third sector and partners
- Appropriate action and interventions
- Coordinated approach



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# Multi-Agency Safeguarding

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Physical location where police and partners work together
- Real time information sharing
- Early identification and intervention
- Single point of contact for all safeguarding referrals
- Can operate virtually but work best when co-located



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# Multi Agency Safeguarding

- Diverse professionals
- Designed to meet local needs/priorities
- Breaks down barriers
- Improves communications
- Streamlines processes
- Integrated IT/Systems
- Challenges of funding, relationships, logistics but with one objective - safeguarding



## Case Evaluation – 3 Stages

- Independent Child Advocate evaluation
- Highlighted three stages
- Two case studies – same situation – different outcomes
- Timely and appropriate intervention was key
- Survival is by support



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# Early Action Together Programme in Wales

- Two year Police Transformation funded programme
- Transforming the police response to vulnerability through early intervention and root cause prevention
- Training delivery to police and partners
- Alignment of neighbourhood policing with early intervention hubs
- Early joint assessment of risk
- Early access to help for children and families



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# Summary

- Prevention
- Detection
- Intervention
- Management

*Breaking the cycle of abuse and crime through multi agency working*



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