

Section 6: Termination of the safeguarding process

6.1 The safeguarding process can be terminated at any stage when it is clear that the adult is no longer experiencing or at risk of abuse and neglect.

Decision stage

6.2 The concern will not be taken forward to a Section 42 Enquiry if the adult is not experiencing abuse or neglect, is not at risk of abuse or neglect or is considered able to protect themselves from the identified abuse or neglect.

- Decision making record will be completed.
- Risk assessment must be completed.

6.3 If terminated at this stage other processes will still be considered to address the issues raised in the concern.

Planning stage

6.4 A Section 42 Enquiry will be concluded at the planning stage if it becomes known that the adult is not experiencing abuse or neglect is not at risk of abuse or neglect or is considered able to protect themselves from the identified abuse or neglect.

- Planning Discussion document will be completed
- Risk assessment must be completed.

As in 6.3, other processes will be considered as necessary.

Enquiry stage

6.5 A Section 42 Enquiry will lead to the termination of the safeguarding process if it finds that the adult is not experiencing abuse, at risk of abuse and/or if no Safeguarding Plan is required.

- Enquiry report will be completed.
- Risk assessment must be completed.
- Outcomes must be recorded.

Safeguarding Plan

6.6 The Safeguarding Plan will be terminated when it is agreed that the risk of harm to the adult is no longer current (i.e. the adult is not at risk of abuse) or if the adult withdraws consent to the arrangements and is not prepared to accept other support or protection.

- Risk assessment must be completed.
- Partner agencies and others involved in the Plan will be consulted.
- Outcomes must be recorded.