# Trainer notes – Module: 3.1b – Adults – Strategy discussion/meeting

* PowerPoint for module
* Everyone should have the Wales Safeguarding Procedures App on phone or tablet to refer to throughout the module

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| 1 | Section 3.1Responding to a report of an adult at risk of abuse and/or neglect<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/index.a3pt1.html>The strategy discussion/meeting: the purpose<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p14.html>[Pointers for Practice: Strategy Discussion or Meeting?](https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3pt1p.p8.html)Pointers for Practice: From Duty to Report to Adult Protection Conference<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3p.p1.html> | For more information about the responsibilities for members of the strategy group to deliver the care and support protection plan, see [planning responsibilities of members of the strategy meeting (the strategy group)](https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a4/a4.p3.html). |
| 2 |  | Trainer note: This slide is **optional** – it summarises the process covered in the previous module.**Make a report – refers to Section 128 of the Act: Duty to report adults at risk**If a relevant partner of a local authority has **reasonable cause to suspect** that a person is an adult at risk and appears to be within the authority's area, it **must inform the local authority of that fact**.**Initial enquiries**Following a report being made to social services, consideration of all information will be undertaken **to determine if there is reasonable cause** to suspect an adult is, or may be, at risk.Although enquiries may *result* in a strategy meeting/ discussion, they are not the **investigative** part of the process. **Section 126 enquiries – refers to Section 126 of the Act: Adults at risk**If a local authority has **reasonable cause to suspect** that a person within its area is an adult at risk, it must make whatever **enquiries** it thinks necessary and **decide** whether any action should be taken.**Strategy discussion/meeting**If the Section 126 enquiries **conclude** that social services have **reasonable cause to suspect that an adult is at risk of abuse,** a strategy discussion/ meeting by telephone, video-conferencing or face-to face should take place. The purpose is **to determine the action to be taken** to ensure the safety, care and support needs of the adult at risk are met. |
| 3 | The strategy discussion/meeting: the purpose <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p14.html>**From the glossary:**<https://safeguarding.wales/glossary.html>[Pointers for Practice: Strategy Discussion or Meeting?](https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3pt1p.p8.html) | **N.B.** Strategy meetings and strategy discussions are interchangeable terms, they can be held as often and for as long as necessary.**Strategy discussion/meeting for adults at risk experiencing abuse and neglect**This is the forum for sharing information, making sense of the information and deciding what action should be taken by whom and by when. It is also the vehicle for developing, implementing and reviewing the care and support protection plan. Such a meeting may be held virtually if urgency demands**Strategy group for adults at risk of abuse and neglect**The strategy group are the practitioners who attend the strategy meeting/s or discussions/s, establish whether the adult at risk is experiencing abuse and neglect and whether they need a care and support protection plan. They are also responsible for developing, implementing and reviewing the care and support protection plan. |
| 4 |  | Trainer to add:As long as there is a process of identifying if there is a need of protection and steps for agreeing what needs to be done to keep the person safe, the mechanisms used can be a strategy meeting or discussion. However, there has to be a mechanism to feedback to the adult. |
| 5 | Strategy meetings/discussions: key considerations<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p16.html> | **Timescales**A strategy discussion/meeting usually precedes any action to protect. It must take place within seven working days of the conclusion of the Section 126 enquiries, but if immediate action is necessary, to protect the adult at risk and/or other adults at risk or children, it should precede this action and be undertaken in a manner which does not delay the necessary action. Good practice, however, would advise that the first strategy discussion/meeting should happen as soon as is practically possible especially where a criminal offence is suspected**Example***A young woman with a learning disability has alleged sexual assault by a family member. The opinion of the professionals is that an urgent medical examination is required, and the woman is able to consent to this. Arrangements are made to support the woman to attend the Sexual Abuse Referral Centre that day to undertake a police interview and medical examination to gather and secure evidence.*Trainer may re-direct to:* Person-centered module
* Pointers for Practice: Risk assessment and a person-centred approach <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3p.p3.html>
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| 6 | Participation in strategy discussion/ meetings <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p16.html>The agenda <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p16.html> |  |
| 7 | **Trainer may wish direct to:**[Flowchart 3: strategy meeting and what happens after a strategy meeting](https://safeguarding.wales/downloads/flowchart3.pdf)Outcomes of the Strategy Discussion/ Meeting<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p17.html>Sharing outcomes of a strategy discussion/ meeting <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p17.html> | Trainer to note: The outcome of the strategy discussion / meeting should be shared with the adult at risk, unless a mental capacity assessment has indicated otherwise.However, consideration must be given to what information is shared. Consideration should be given to:* the possible impact on any investigation
* the rights of others involved, including the alleged perpetrator, to confidentiality.

In practice, it is likely that at this stage it will only be possible to tell the adult at risk whether an investigation is going ahead and about the protective measures that directly affect them. |
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| 9 | Agreed plan of action <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt1/a3pt1.p17.html>Pointers for Practice: Care and support or care and support, protection needs? <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3p.p4.html> |  |
| 10 | Adult protection conference: the rationale<https://safeguarding.wales/adu/a3pt2/a3pt2.p2.html> | Trainer may wish to direct to scenario for discussion:Pointers for Practice: From Duty to Report to Adult Protection Conference <https://safeguarding.wales/adu/ap/a3p.p1.html> |
| 11 |  | Go to next module. |