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⚠ Important Clarifications

- Panel is advisory only
- Does NOT take over case management
 - Agencies retain responsibility
- Focuses on exceptional, complex cases only

✗ Not appropriate

- Low or medium risk cases
- Early safeguarding concerns
- Emergency response situations

<https://burysafeguardingpartnership.bury.gov.uk/safeguarding-adults-1>

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🏢 Key Agencies Involved

- Adult Social Care (lead)
 - NHS / ICB
 - Police
 - Probation
- Mental Health Services
 - Housing
- Substance misuse services

Additional agencies can be co-opted depending on the case.

👤 Representatives must be senior decision-makers

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📄 During the Panel

Each case is reviewed using a structured approach:

- Current risks and severity
 - What has been tried and what has worked
 - Barriers to progress
 - Legal considerations
 - The individual's wishes and views
 - Outcomes
 - Clear multi-agency action plans
 - Identification of lead agency responsibilities
 - Recommendations for alternative or enhanced approaches
- Professionals aim to balance safety with the individual's right to make choices, even where those choices involve risk.

Multi-Agency Risk Management Risk Panel

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👤 Who is it for? (Referral Criteria)

All of the following apply:

- All usual interventions have been tried
- There has been sustained but unsuccessful engagement
- The individual remains at very high risk of death/severe self-neglect or abuse/significant long-term physical or mental harm

Before referral, the referrer must:

- Gain senior management approval
- Ensure information is accurate and up to date
- Confirm the individual is aware of the referral

And provide: - Risk assessments - Capacity assessments & Evidence of previous multi-agency work

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✅ What is it?

The MARM Strategic Risk Panel is a senior, multi-agency safeguarding forum established by the Bury Safeguarding Adults Board following learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews. It supports practitioners working with adults at extremely high risk of harm, particularly where previous interventions have not been successful. The panel provides a multi-agency risk enablement approach to situations where adults are at risk of; Death/Severe harm/Significant harm.

Crucially, it is used only after standard single and multi-agency processes have failed to reduce risk. The panel meets monthly, with additional urgent meetings only in exceptional cases and discusses a limited number of high-risk cases per session.

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🎯 Purpose

The panel offers a strategic, reflective space, bringing together senior professionals across the multi-agency partnership. The panel supports complex decision-making and risk planning.

The panel operates within key safeguarding principles, including:

- Making Safeguarding Personal – ensuring the person's voice, wishes, and outcomes are central
 - Respect for human rights, autonomy, and choice
 - Compliance with:
 - Care Act 2014
 - Mental Capacity Act 2005

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🌱 Core Functions

- Sharing information about high and critical risk cases
- Ensuring a lead professional and agency are identified
- Reviewing and strengthening multi-agency risk management plans
 - Confirming all actions are legally sound and proportionate
- Exploring creative or bespoke solutions where standard services have not worked
 - It also:
 - Helps professionals overcome barriers to engagement
 - Supports accountability across agencies
 - Clarifies risk ownership and escalation

The panel does not replace safeguarding procedures instead, it: Provides oversight, challenge, and support in exceptionally complex cases.