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## Safeguarding People with Disability Policies and Workshop

The Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI), in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, has developed a suite of four safeguarding policies that apply to disability services provided or funded by DCSI.

The policies provide information about safeguarding and activities to protect and promote the rights of people with disability. There is a focus on reducing risk and vulnerability, increasing safety and autonomy and promoting a systemic and systematic approach to safeguarding people with disability.

There is an overarching policy and three supporting policies that focus on specific issues relating to safeguarding. The overarching policy provides direction on establishing and maintaining safeguarding systems within disability services. The supporting policies are:

- A **management of care concerns policy** that provides direction on the prevention and management of situations where a person with disability's health or wellbeing may be jeopardised because of a failure to meet an agreed minimum standard of care.
- A **restrictive practices policy** that provides direction on the prevention and minimisation of restrictive practices to ensure people with disability are free from practices that restrict their liberty, dignity and inherent human rights.
- A **supported decision making and consent policy** that provides direction on determining capacity and consent and on facilitating supported decision making to ensure people with disability are placed at the centre of decisions that affect their lives.

To support the release of the policies, National Disability Services (NDS) is holding a workshop for members on the **6 September 2013**. The day will provide further information about the background of the policies and an opportunity to consider practical ways the policies can be implemented at an organisational level.

The day will also include information from the DCSI Screening Unit on criminal history checks and the Office of the Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner on dealing with people who behave as unusually persistent complainants.

Further details are below:

- TITLE** Safeguarding Workshop and Dealing Effectively with Persistent Complainants Forum
- DATE** Friday, 6 September 2013
- TIME** 9.30am – 4.15pm
- VENUE** Highgate Park Chapel  
103 Fisher Street  
Fullarton SA 5063
- RSVP** By COB Monday, 2 September 2013  
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### More information

- National Disability Services, Safeguarding Workshop and Dealing Effectively with Persistent Complainants Forum flyer



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- To download copies of DCSI's safeguarding policies visit: [Safeguarding People with Disability](#)