

# Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) Process Map



**VARM Criteria:**  
Wigan Council have four criteria for the use of VARM please see the criteria that must be considered:

- The person **MUST** have capacity to make decisions and choices
- The person does not meet the criteria for section 42 safeguarding (The Care Act 2014)
- A risk of serious harm (which is life threatening and/or traumatic) or death.
- And / or there is a significant risk to the health and safety of others in the community.

Staff discuss the case with their line manager / organisational safeguarding lead to determine eligibility

**Eligible**

Staff complete the VARM Referral form located on WSAB website or via MOSAIC

Referral form sent electronically to the Initial Assessment Team

Once received VARM referral is sent to MAPPT worktray

On a weekly basis Advanced Practitioners screen the received referrals against the VARM criteria

Safeguarding APs notify and allocate the case to the "Lead Agency"

Lead agency will assess the individual's ability to decision make, assess risks and put immediate protective measures in place

Where safe, let the individual know what you are planning to do and include them, using the "What to Expect" leaflet

The Lead Agency will arrange a VARM Management Meeting  
VARM Management meeting takes place, action plan developed with clear timescales

The person in question can also be in attendance or they can choose to send a representative / and or use the information gathered via the What to Expect Leaflet

VARM Update meetings to review progress / outcomes

**Achieved Satisfactory Outcomes**

Multi-agency decision to close the case to VARM and update the system records

**Individual has passed away or moved to another area**

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**Further work required**

Multi-agency decision to progress via alternative pathway S42, Mental Health, Capacity / Best Interest

Alternative routes may include;

- S42 Under the Care Act
- Assessment under Mental Health Act
- Police