



Getting our Voices Heard (GOVH)

This partnership centres upon exploring different approaches to exerting influence taken by people with learning disabilities and their organisations around the specific policy and procedural area of adult safeguarding, which encompasses both disability hate crime and aspects of social care.

Based on the outcome of this research, and building on policy theory and the current evidence base around policymaking recommendations will be made around how best to maximise influence on policymaking as it refers to adult safeguarding policy.

The work will include peer researchers, research findings and impact strategies for each nation to provide guidance as to how to influence policy.

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