1. Take Action:

Effective safeguarding only works if action is taken, by every individual and agency playing their full part, working together to meet the needs of our most vulnerable children. Where child needs are identified, respond.

2. Be Professionally Curious:

Professional curiosity is the capacity and communication skill to explore and understand what is happening within a family rather than making assumptions or accepting things at face value.

7. Escalate:

Escalation is a means of resolving professional differences and is an integral part of joint working to safeguard children.
Professionals must escalate to seek a mutually agreed resolution.

6. Challenge:

Effective challenge, between professionals and agencies supports a culture of genuine partnership working.
Effective challenge is a positive action.

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3. Keep the Child in Focus:

When working families, for whatever reason, always consider the lived experience of the child, how aspects of their lives are affecting the child, their particular needs, areas of resilience and risk factors.

5. Share Information:

Fears about sharing information cannot be allowed to stand in the way of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children at risk of abuse or neglect. Consider a professionals meeting.

4. Consent:

Refused consent or withdrawal of consent, when working with a family, must not be a barrier to taking appropriate action.