

Risk Enablement Panel Fact Sheet

Why do we have Risk Enablement Panels?

We have to make sure that your support plan will help you to stay healthy, safe and well. This means that we have to consider any risks that might be part of the support you have chosen. For example, choosing to walk alone to catch a bus, rather than choosing a taxi to pick you up from your house.

When we decide whether to sign-off your support plan, we must consider these risks. Sometimes if we are worried about the risks in your plan we might choose not to agree your support plan.

If you don't agree with us, you can ask to challenge this decision and we will look at your support plan again. This may happen through a Risk Enablement Panel.

You can use the flowchart on page 3 to help you follow the process.

What is a Risk Enablement Panel?

This is a meeting where you and other people involved in signing off your support plan can discuss anything in your support plan that may pose a risk to your health or safety.

It gives everyone an opportunity to reach a shared decision to either:

- recommend that your support plan be agreed
- provide advice to help you think about the risks in your support plan.

Who is involved?

You will be invited to the Panel.

The other Panel members will be the people who make sense to discuss the specific issue in your support plan.

Your social worker, care manager or care coordinator is responsible for making sure the organiser of the Panel has all of the information they need about your support plan. The same person will be available to talk to you about the Panel if you have any questions.

The Panel will value every member's contributions and recognise individual skills and experience.

When will the panel meet?

The Panel will only meet if someone makes a request to look at risk within your support plan. Your meeting will take place within 20 days of the request. It will meet on a date and at a time convenient to you.

You should receive all relevant information two days before the meeting date. If not, then contact your social worker, care manager or care coordinator.

How does it work?

The Panel's main responsibility is to advise on whether or not they think your support plan should be signed-off and why.

To do this, it will take into account:

- Your choices as an individual
- Responsibilities that we share with you, your family and carers, and our partners including health and social care providers.

The Panel also offers advice, guidance and support to help all members consider all possible outcomes and reach an informed decision.

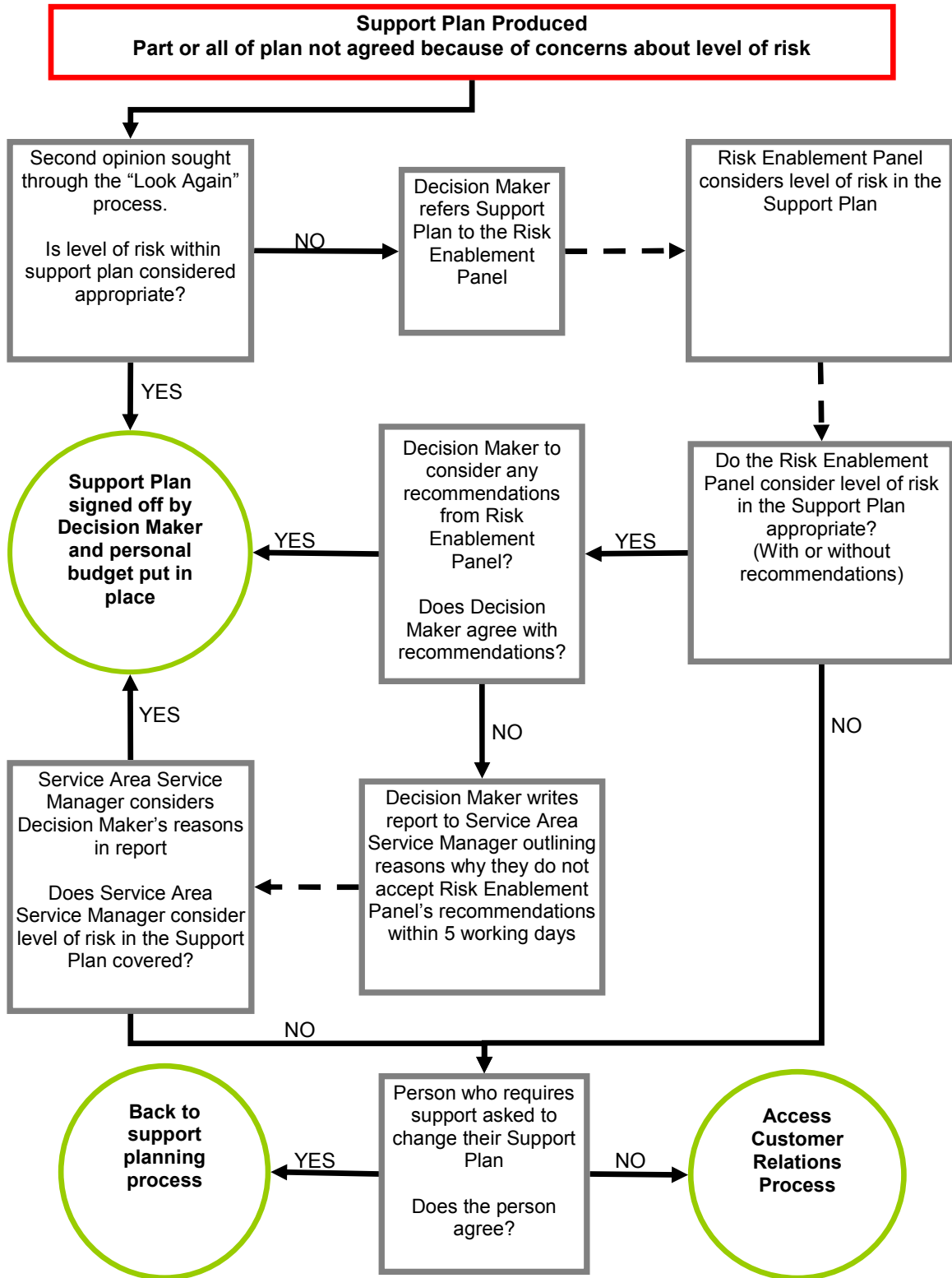
The Panel does not have the power to sign-off your support plan, but it does have the power to make recommendations about outcomes or courses of action.

The final recommendation will be based on the view of the majority of Panel members.

What are the next steps?

If you are not happy with the decision reached by the Panel then you can access the complaints process through customer relations.

Risk Enablement Panel Process Flowchart



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