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What is a Safeguarding Adults Review

The purpose of SARs is described very clearly in the statutory guidance as to 'promote effective learning and improvement action to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again'. The aim is that lessons can be learned from the case and for those lessons to be applied to future cases to prevent similar harm re-occurring.

The purpose of a SAR is not to hold any individual or organisation to account.

Under the 2014 Care Act, Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) are responsible for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).

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When to carry out a SAR

The SAB must arrange for review of a Case involving and Adult with Care and support needs, When:

(a)there is reasonable cause for concern about how the SAB, members of it or other persons with relevant functions worked together to safeguard the adult, and

Condition 1 is met if-

(a)the adult has died, and
(b)the SAB knows or suspects that the death resulted from abuse or neglect. Or

Condition 2 is met if:

(a)the adult is still alive, and
(b)the SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect.

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SARs published by the LSAB 2020-2024

Abdullah 2020 - Isolated, alcohol misuse, self-neglect, poor physical health, housing, experienced PTSD, domestic violence.

Adult C 2023 - Previous neglect and abuse, trauma, neurodiversity needs (Autism), professionals not listening to service users voice.

Adult D - Alcohol brain related injury, housing and exploitation.

Family U 2021 - Domestic relationship difficulties, mental health, self-harm, emotional abuse, honour-based violence, cultural competency and professional curiosity.

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Mental Health Thematic Review 2022 - Lack of engagement, self-neglect, neglect, drug use, sexual assault and police involvement.

Mr B - Neglect and acts of omission.

Beech Care Home - Lack of medical advice (COVID), impact on staff previously and ongoing.

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Additional information

For more information on safeguarding Adults lacking mental capacity please check Luton Tri.X Local Resources and the Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding space -

<https://panbedfordshiresabs.trixonline.co.uk/>



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Key Development Areas to embed Learning into Practice

Safeguarding supervision-Pan Beds
Training for al safeguarding Practitioners
Bespoke Legal Literacy and Mental Capacity Training- specialist training in partnership with Legal services

CASPA- Support resource for high-risk complex cases -for risk management and planning

Hoarding Panel-specialist protocol to support high risk hoarding concerns.
Specialist support pathways: Rough sleeping and drug and alcohol

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Themes from SARs

Evidence of gaps in professional curiosity and questioning.

Self-neglect and Hoarding not always recognised as safeguarding issues.

Need to improve confidence in multi-agency working.

The need for clearer safeguarding plans in some cases and shared effective intervention plans and risk management, as these are often done in isolation.

More staff need training in Mental Capacity assessments.

Lack of clarity on how to escalate concerns, professional disputes