
Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)

What is a Practitioner Learning Event?

The Care Act 2014 introduced the requirement for statutory Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

In the event of a serious incident or the death of an adult the relevant Safeguarding Board may be required to carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR).

For further information for the criteria of a SAR and the SAR process please visit the Salford Safeguarding Adults Board website:

<https://safeguardingadults.salford.gov.uk/for-professionals/multi-agency-policy-procedures-and-guidance/procedures/sars/>

Such cases are always very sad and worrying for all concerned and this briefing has been prepared to help explain the role of practitioner's event in the review process.

As part of a Review the panel may recommend that a practitioner learning event is held. All front-line practitioners who had involvement with the adult and their family will be invited to attend, along with their line managers.

The key aim of the practitioner event is to collaborate with all the practitioners from all the different agencies who knew the adult and their family and give you the time and safe space to reflect on your involvement with the person and reflect on professional practice and decision making. The information collated at the event enables the reviewer to understand in greater depth whether there are any lessons that can be learnt to improve practice in the future and it also enables good practice to be identified and shared.

It is important to stress that the review process is not designed to apportion blame, but to try and understand what happened and the wide range of factors that affected the way people responded to the circumstances of the case at the time and to identify good practice.

The Practitioner Learning Event will:

- Hear first-hand accounts of involvement with the adult and their family.
- Provide an opportunity to ensure the accuracy of the case 'story'.

- Provide an opportunity to consider and analyse interventions in a safe, reflective environment.
- Consider the context within which practitioners were working at the time.
- Explore what information, activity or circumstances might have influenced decision making.
- Consider recommendations for the Review.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to shape future policy and practice.

The Practitioner Learning Event will not:

- Attempt to apportioned blame.
- Single out individual practitioners.
- Be critical of specific agencies.

The event will be facilitated by the independent reviewer appointed to undertake the review which has been commissioned by Salford Safeguarding Adult Board (SSAB); and the event will be facilitated and supported by members of the SSAB Team.

Also in attendance may be the SAR Panel members and Senior Representatives of the agencies involved in the case.

Contact details for the SSAB Team and the name of the panel members supporting the event including the name of the Independent Reviewer will be provided for your reference should you be invited to a Practitioner Learning Event.

If you feel you need further information about SARs please refer to the Salford Safeguarding Adult Board website, link is below.

<https://safeguardingadults.salford.gov.uk/for-professionals/multi-agency-policy-procedures-and-guidance/procedures/sars/conducting-the-sar/>

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