



**Safeguarding Adult Reviews:
Information for families, friends, and
carers**

Who is Knowsley Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB)?

Knowsley Safeguarding Adults Board, (KSAB), is made up of members that represent agencies from Knowsley who are committed to protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect.

Safeguarding adults is everyone's business and organisations across Knowsley must work together to make sure that the best possible services are provided to adults, their carer's, and their families.

What is a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)?

- Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) are a way to improve responses to keep adults who need care and support safe from abuse and neglect
- SARs will not seek to lay blame but consider what happened and what could have been done differently
- They recommend actions to improve responses to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse or neglect in the future
- Safeguarding Adult Reviews are undertaken as part of the Care Act 2014
- They do not replace but may be in addition to a Coroner's inquest or other form of enquiry or review
- The Knowsley arrangements for the consideration of SAR referrals are through a collaboration between relevant organisations in the Local Authority areas, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens, and Wirral, called the Merseyside Safeguarding Adult Review Group (MSARG)

Criteria for conducting a Safeguarding Adult Review:

Section 44 of the Care Act (2014) states that the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) must arrange a SAR when an adult with needs for care and support (even if the local authority has not been meeting any of those needs) if:

1. 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**
2. the adult has died, **and**
3. the SAB knows or suspects that the death resulted from abuse or neglect (whether it knew about or suspected the abuse or neglect before the adult died)

Or

4. *the adult is still alive, and the SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced **serious** abuse or neglect*

How is the review undertaken?

An independent person will be responsible for coordinating the review, they will be supported by a panel of people from different agencies who were involvement with the person who the SAR is about. At the end of the process a final report is produced

which is then shared with the Safeguarding Adults Board for agreement.

How long does the review take?

The SAB aims to complete reviews within six months, but the time a SAR takes depends on factors that are out of the Safeguarding Adult Board control, for example there may be a court or coroner investigation which will need to be completed before a SAR begins.

Your involvement in the review:

You may be asked to be involved in the review, or you may ask us if you can be involved. It is important that you have a chance to provide information and we will welcome this.

The Board Manager for the Adults Safeguarding Board in your area will contact you, they will answer any questions you may have about the SAR and how it works. They will also discuss with you how you want to be involved, how you would like to be contacted for example, email, telephone calls or face to face meetings. The Board Manager will also talk to you about how much or how little information you want in relation to the SAR.

What happens to the information shared?

The information you share will help us to build a comprehensive picture of what happened and in turn will help us identify recommendations for change. These recommendations will then be put into an action plan. Your input will be confidential, and you will not be named in the final report.

Next steps:

The decision to take part in this review is entirely yours and if you do not wish to take part your decision will be respected.

Publication:

The Care Act says that the SAB should consider publishing the review so that others may also learn from the findings. Your views on this will be taken into consideration but it is hoped that you will support any decision to publish the report which will be anonymised, and no real names are used.

How to contact KSAB:

If you require any further information, please contact Knowsley's Safeguarding Adults Board by email: KSAB@knowsley.gov.uk

Or check our website:

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