



In this leaflet we have answered some of the most **frequently asked questions** families have about a Safeguarding Adults Review.

Of course, each case is different and you may have other questions you would like to ask. If so, you can call your personal contact.

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SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEW

Information for Families

What is a Safeguarding Adults Review?

A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) looks at how local organisations worked together to look after the adult at risk at the centre of the review. It may also look at how they are working with other adults at risk in the immediate family or care settings. The review considers what was done, what lessons can be learned for the future and what changes may need to be made. It is not a criminal investigation or public enquiry and its aim is not to place blame but to learn.

What is the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board brings together all the main organisations who work with adults at risk and their families across Tees to keep them safe.

Why are you carrying out a Safeguarding Adults Review?

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board will carry out a SAR whenever an adult at risk has been seriously harmed or has died in circumstances where abuse or neglect is suspected or confirmed.

Who will carry out the Review?

A panel of professionals from community and adult care services, health services, the Police and sometimes other organisations are led by an independent person (the 'Author'). They will meet to review reports from each organisation or agency which has worked with or provided services to the adult at risk or their family. The independent author will prepare a report. This report will say what lessons have been learnt and make recommendations for the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board.

What will happen after the Report is finished?

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board will write an action plan to make sure improvements are made to the way organisations work together to keep adults at risk safe. Each individual organisation involved in the review will also write an action plan. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board will make sure the actions are carried out and have a positive effect.

What will I / we have to do?

You do not have to do anything. However, you will have the opportunity to give your views if you would like to. We will make sure that there is someone who can help you to do this (see back page).

Who will see the Report?

Normally the Report will be kept confidential to those people who represent their organisations at the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board, or have contributed to the review, and the staff within those organisations who worked with the adult at risk and their family. The summary of the Report sets out the key findings and recommendations of the review. It will not give any personal details or information which would identify the adult at risk, family or anyone else involved. It will be available to anyone who wants to read it and will be on our web site. Your personal contact will meet with you and tell you what is in the summary before it goes on the website.

How long will the Review take?

It usually takes six to nine months from the start of the review to publication of the summary of the Report.

Complaints

The Board has a complaints policy in relation to SAR's which can be accessed via the Board's website: <https://www.tsab.org.uk>