What is the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board?

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

What is a Safeguarding Adults Review?

The TSAB will carry out a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) whenever an adult at risk has been seriously harmed or has died in circumstances where abuse or neglect is suspected and there are lessons to be learnt about how organisations worked together which would help to prevent similar deaths or injuries occurring again in future.

Conducting a review is a statutory obligation, therefore families do not have to give their agreement, however wherever possible we will seek your views and wishes.

Who will carry out the review?

Reviews are commissioned by the TSAB and include people from the various organisations who were involved with the adult concerned. An independent person, who has not been involved with the case, will lead the review and write a report.

What will I / we have to do?

You do not have to do anything. However if you would like to, you will have the opportunity to give your views. We will make sure that there is someone who can help you to do this by providing you with a personal contact (see details opposite). We will talk to you about how you would like the adult to be referred to in the report and discuss your views on anonymity.

What will happen once the report is finished?

We will offer to meet with you to discuss the findings of the review before publication. At the end of the process, the report will be agreed by the TSAB and the report will be published on the TSAB website to ensure that the learning gained is effective in changing services for the future.

How long will the review take?

We would aim to complete in 6 months, however often there are other proceedings that may delay completion of a review (for example criminal investigations).

Complaints

The Board has a Complaints Policy which can be accessed via the TSAB website: www.tsab.org.uk

In this leaflet we have answered some of the most frequently asked questions families have about Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

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

Your personal contact is:

Telephone:

Email: