

Safeguarding Adults Reviews



**Information for Adults, Family, Carers
and Friends**

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Introduction



Safeguarding means protecting the rights of adults at risk to live free from abuse and neglect or the risk of it.



An adult at risk is someone who:

- Has care and support needs
- Is at risk of experiencing abuse and neglect
- Is unable to protect themselves from the risk or experience of abuse and neglect because of their care and support needs.





When an adult at risk dies or suffers serious harm because of abuse or neglect the Bradford Adult Safeguarding Board may need to review what happened.



This is called a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR).

These reviews are part of the Care Act 2014 and are a legal requirement.



A SAR is to work out what could have been done differently by organisations, agencies and professionals to stop the death or harm from happening.



It is completely separate from investigations that are being done by the police or coroner.

A SAR is about learning so that things can be made better in the future.



A report will be produced that will show detail of anything that needs to change to make things better in the future.



A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) is not:

- An enquiry to find out the cause of the injury or death



- Looking for someone to blame



- Looking to hold an organisation responsible

What is the Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board?



The Bradford Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) is made up of organisations that work with adults with care and support needs and their families.



The organisations include the police, health organisations, the council, probation services, fire and rescue and voluntary and community services.



BSAB aims to make sure that everyone works together to keep people at risk safe from abuse.



They agree ways to support people who are experiencing abuse.

Who carries out the Safeguarding Adults Review?



The review will be carried out by a panel of practitioners from local NHS organisations, the police, and the council.

There also might be people from other organisations who know about the case and others that can help.



The panel will be chaired by someone who is independent. This means they won't be from any of the organisations who have worked with the adult.



The chair will write a report that will show the findings of the review. It will have recommendations as well.

The report does not give any personal details or identification of the adult at risk, their family or anyone else involved.



It will say what organisations can learn from the review. A list of actions called an action plan will then be developed to make sure that changes are made in the future.

This will aim to help reduce the risk of abuse to others in the future.

How are adults and their families involved?



In most cases the SAR will give the adult, their family, carers and others the chance to share their views about what happened.



When the review is complete, the person who wrote it will meet with the people involved.

They will tell you what they found out and what they recommend. They will listen to your comments.



The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) strongly believes that having the adult and their family and friends involved in the review is very important.



It helps the people doing the review to understand the experience, more about the person and their wishes and feelings.

You don't have to be involved in the review if you don't want to.

What will happen after the report is finished?



An action plan will be made. The plan will aim to make improvements to the way organisations work together to keep adults at risk safe from abuse and neglect.



Each organisation involved in the review will also write an action plan.



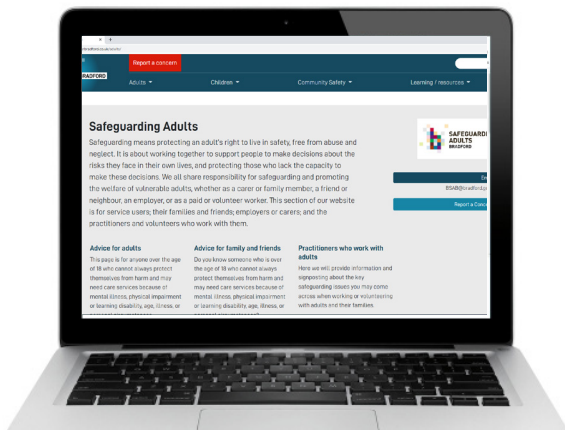
Bradford Adults Safeguarding Board (BSAB) will make sure the actions are carried out.

How long will the review take?



It usually takes at least 6 to 9 months from the start of the review for the report to be published.

Publication of the Review



The final report will normally be published on BSAB's website.

It will be anonymous. This means there will be no personal details about anyone involved.



It will be made available to all professionals to make sure that the lessons learned and recommendations are put into practice.

Further information



If you have any queries about the review please contact the Bradford Adults Safeguarding Board (BSAB) on 01274 432736.



You can also email:
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www.safebradford.co.uk/learning-resources/learning-reviews

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