

Information for Families: Explaining a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)



**Darlington
Safeguarding
Partnership**

Protecting Children and Adults

Why are we carrying out a Safeguarding Adults Review

The Darlington Safeguarding Partnership will carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review whenever an adult at risk¹ has been seriously harmed or has died where abuse or neglect is known or suspected and there are concerns about how organisations worked together to safeguard the adult.

What is a Safeguarding Adults Review?

A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) looks at how local organisations worked together to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of the adult at risk at the centre of the review. The review will examine how we responded to the adult's individual circumstances and how we engaged with the adult and whether we followed the key principles of Safeguarding in terms of working in partnership to protect and empower the adult at risk and to prevent harm occurring in the future. It may also look at how organisations are working with other adults at risk in the immediate family or in care settings. The review considers what was done, identifies good practice as well as highlighting lessons which can be learned for the future and identifies how we can improve practice. It is not a criminal investigation or public enquiry and its aim is not to place blame but to support continuous learning and improvement.

What is Darlington Safeguarding Partnership?

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) brings together all the main organisations which work in partnership with adults at risk and their families across Darlington to keep them safe. The Darlington Safeguarding Partnership seeks assurance that organisations work together effectively to protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect, to prevent it happening and respond proportionately when abuse or neglect is suspected. Examples of organisations which are involved in the partnership are Police, Health and the Local Authority but other organisations contribute to the work of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership.

Who will carry out the Review?

A panel of practitioners will appoint an independent author to carry out the review of the decision making and understand the context of these decisions. The aim of the review will be to learn lessons from how the relevant organisations worked together. The independent author will also ensure the adult at risk and/or their friend/family or advocate are also included in the review. The independent author will prepare a report. This report will say what lessons have been learned and make recommendations to Darlington Safeguarding Partnership.

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).

¹ An adult at risk is a person with care and support needs as described in the Care Act.

How long will the Review take?

The Darlington Safeguarding Partnership will aim to have the review completed within six months of the decision to undertake a SAR..

What will happen after the Report is finished?

The Darlington Safeguarding Partnership will write an action plan to ensure improvements are made in the way organisations work together to keep adults at risk safe. Each organisation will also be expected to update Darlington Safeguarding Partnership on the progress of the changes and how their practice has improved.

Who will see the Report?

The completed report will be anonymised and it will be made publicly available via our website. There will be no identifiable information about the adult at risk or the family. The report will outline the learning and express recommendations for organisations to consider and implement. Prior to it being made public a representative from the panel or the independent author will meet with you to go through the detail.

Complaints

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership has a complaints policy in relation to SARs which can be accessed via the website www.darlingtonsafeguardingpartnership.co.uk



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