



Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)

Background

A Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) is a statutory duty of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership under Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 and must be undertaken when an adult or adult with care and support needs dies as a result of abuse or neglect and there is a concern that partnership agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult/s; or an adult or adults with care and support needs has not died but Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect with a concern that partnership agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.

Where can I find further information?

- [The Care Act 2014 Section 44](#)
- [Warwickshire Safeguarding SAR Guidance](#)
- [West Midlands Regional Safeguarding Information Hub](#)

What is the purpose of a SAR?

To learn from cases where agencies could have worked together more effectively; consider whether serious harm could or could not have been predicted or prevented and develop learning that enables the partnership to improve its services and prevent abuse and neglect in the future; identify any issues in multi or single agency policies and procedures; and agree on how the learning will be acted on.

What happens next?

If the outcome of the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup determines the case meets the criteria to conduct a SAR, an independent Lead Reviewer will be appointed to oversee the SAR process and produce a report that will be published on <https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/>

Who can refer a case for a SAR?

Anyone can refer a case for a SAR when it fits the criteria. When you are satisfied the case meets the criteria you should email a copy of the referral form securely to the address on the SAR referral form. The SAR guidance document and form can be found on [Warwickshire Safeguarding's website](#), alternatively please contact Warwickshire Safeguarding Business Team for an electronic copy of the SAR referral form.

What happens next?

Where the criteria are met, the individual/ organisation that requested the SAR will be notified and engage in the proceedings of the SAR. Families will also be invited to contribute to the review. If the criteria are not met, the individual/ organisations will be notified, and the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup will ensure any future learning from the scoping exercise is shared.

What happens when I refer a case for a SAR?

Information will be requested from agencies known to be involved in the case as part of the initial scoping exercise. The Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup will meet to discuss the information and consider whether the case meets the SAR criteria; the Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup will then make a recommendation to Warwickshire's Safeguarding Independent Chair.