A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) is a multi-agency process that considers whether or not serious harm experienced by an adult, or group of adults at risk of abuse or neglect, could have been predicted or prevented. Its purpose is to promote effective learning and improvement to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again.

This review allowed us to look closely at the role of health and social care agencies prior to the death of Peter who was housed in temporary accommodation following discharge from hospital. Peter suffered from a complex series of conditions contributing to poor overall health coupled with self-neglect which can be difficult to manage. The review recommends that agencies work more closely together to understand self-neglect and guidance around it to help people recognise and act on risks. It also suggests that health services make every effort to join-up support from multiple services and review discharge procedures so everyone who may be involved can access or signpost to appropriate support.