



**Bexley
Safeguarding
Adults Board**

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Serious Adult Review (SAR) – Mr K
Executive Summary and Findings Publication
June 2017**

**Reviewed by: SCIE Reviewers – Mick Haggart and Malcolm Ward
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SERIOUS ADULT REVIEWS (SAR) -

As per the Care Act 2014, we have concluded Bexley's first Serious Adult Review in December 2016. Our statutory responsibility is to publish the SAR's findings, they are as follows:

In July 2015, the Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) received a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) notification from the Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) relating to the death of a Bexley resident potentially due to self-neglect. A Practitioner Briefing Sheet will be produced by the BSAB, outlining the key themes and findings to emerge from the review. A decision has been taken not to publish this report in the best interest of the family.

BSAB Recommended Professional Learning:

- Vulnerable Adults identified by Practitioners having a history of self-neglect should have self-neglect embedded in their profiles and shared as appropriate with all key practitioners involved in their case.
- Risk assessments should be considered to ensure unsafe risks are recorded and shared as appropriate with key practitioners in their case including asking service-users' families and carers for information about risk and include it in that person's risk profile as well as ensuring access to appropriate advice and support is available.
- All relevant staff should be competent to manage safeguarding adult referrals including self-neglect and challenging behaviours when working with hard to reach groups.
- The Assessment and Treatment Care Pathway should be followed to ensure a patient-centred planning meeting is carried out within three-weeks, if none has been carried out within the previous six-weeks.
- All In-Patients mental capacity to be considered at the point of contact as to their ability to consent at that time to the proposed actions/action plan/care plan; and being continuously reviewed throughout their stay keeping in mind that mental capacity is time and decision-specific.
- When a patient is subject to an emergency admission and is unknown by the unit or community team, a comprehensive assessment of the family or carer's knowledge and experience of the patient should be undertaken.
- Clinical teams should ensure that families and carers are fully engaged in the planning and delivery of care and understand the Referral Pathways for Safeguarding Adults when considering mental health, mental capacity and self-neglect concerns.

- Organisations should ensure collaborative working across Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care and Community Based Health services (including: GPs, District Nurse, and Physiotherapists), agreeing Joint Referral Pathways and Information Sharing Protocols.
- A process for escalating refusal for health or social care services, when there is a concern.

Since the SAR concluded:

- The Board held a SAR Workshop on the 15th December 2016, to analyse and create a baseline in order to respond locally to the findings from the Reviewers.
- The Review Team involved throughout the SAR has convened twice since December 2016 to evaluate and create a workplan on the learning.
- The Board has linked with the Bexley Safeguarding Children's Board to share practice lessons and work together to shape the workplan.
- The Independent Chair is planning a workshop for frontline workers involved in the SAR to go through the lessons.
- The Review of the workplan will be carried out through the SAR Sub Group, Chaired by Healthwatch with a direct report back to the Board and Independent Chairperson at any time.
- Held a Learning Event Conference in September 2017 – all slides and action plans can be found on the BSAB website – www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com

This concludes the Executive Summary and Findings publication. The BSAB Independent Chair along with the Board made the decision not to publish the full report due to living young children still residing in the area. For more information regarding the Bexley Safeguarding Adults Board please visit – www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com

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