

This could include your thoughts, memories and family history. Attempts your family member made to seek help from agencies/services because sometimes not all of these contacts are known to the reviewer. You can do this in many ways such as via telephone, in writing , audio, or face to face with the reviewer.

What happens to the information you provide?

The information you provide will help the reviewer to build a comprehensive picture of what happened before the death or serious injury and in turn will help them to formulate their recommendations for change. They will then be put into an action plan.

What happens next?

If you do choose to partake in the review we will provide you with further information on the process if required and will contact you to arrange a convenient time to meet.

For further details please email us at : bsab@bexley.gov.uk

Or visit our Website:
www.safeguardingadultsinbexley.com

For help with Bereavement please contact Cruse Bereavement on the below:

Free helpline – 0808 808 1677
Website – helpline@cruse.org.uk



Safeguarding Adult
review leaflet for family
members



Care Act 2014

What is a safeguarding adults review (SAR)?

In 2014 the Care Act introduced Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR's) which became law from 1st April 2015. They are a way in which we can improve our services and multi agency learning. They look at events which have resulted in a death or serious injury, with the aim to prevent what happened to your family member from happening to others. The aim is to identify where responses to the situation could be improved or learned from. They are not to seek or lay blame but to review what happened and what could have been done differently. The reviews will have recommended actions to improve services.

Who will do the review?

The review will be completed by an independent reviewer. A team will be created with members of the agencies/services which were involved. They will look at how they responded and what could be improved or lessons learnt.

How long does the review take?

The review will take around six months however in unusual circumstances it can take longer.

What does the review produce?

A detailed report and summary which will be published on the Bexley Adult Safeguarding board website. It will also include an action plan to ensure that any recommendations are completed. The report will not give any names and we will ensure that families cannot be identified.



Your Involvement

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As friends, family members you are the people who knew the person the review is about the best and can help us understand what happened. People often tell their family about the abuse they suffered and, sometimes, about their experiences in asking for help. It follows that family members can help public bodies to identify lessons to be learnt, so your voices need to be heard.

How to take part in the review:

The review should not take more than a few hours of your time. You do not have to take part in the review and your decision will be respected. However your contributions would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to take part you will be contacted by the reviewer to give your account of what happened. This is to get a picture and to understand the circumstances around what happened to your family member. Learning will be used to help professionals improve how they support vulnerable adults in future.