
Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)

What is a Practitioner Reflective Session?

The Care Act 2014 introduced the requirement for statutory Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

In the event of a serious incident or the death of an adult the relevant Safeguarding Board may be required to carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR).

For further information about the criteria of a SAR and the SAR process please have a look at the [SAR Policy and Procedure](#).

Such incidents are always very sad and worrying for all concerned and this briefing has been prepared to help explain the role of the Reflective Session which practitioners will be invited to attend at the early stages of the review process.

As part of a Review the panel may recommend that a Reflective Session is held. All front-line practitioners who had involvement with the adult and their family will be invited to attend, along with their line managers.

The key aim of the Reflective Session event is to collaborate with all the practitioners from all the different agencies who knew the adult and their family and give you the time and safe space to reflect on your involvement with the person and reflect on professional practice and decision making. The information collated at the event enables the reviewer to understand in greater depth whether there is any good practice to be shared and whether there are any lessons that can be learnt to improve practice in the future.

It is important to stress that the review process is not designed to apportion blame, but to try and understand what happened and the wide range of factors that affected the way people responded to the circumstances of the adult at the time and to identify good practice.

The Reflective Session will:

- Hear first-hand accounts of involvement with the adult and their family.
- Provide an opportunity to ensure the accuracy of the information the review group has been given about the adult.
- Provide an opportunity to consider and analyse interventions in a safe, reflective environment.
- Consider the context within which practitioners were working at the time.
- Explore what information, activity or circumstances might have influenced decision making.
- Consider recommendations for the Review.
- Provide an opportunity for practitioners to shape future policy and practice.

The Reflective Session will not:

- Attempt to apportioned blame.
- Single out individual practitioners.
- Be critical of specific agencies.

The event will be facilitated by the independent reviewer appointed to undertake the review which has been commissioned by Salford Safeguarding Adult Board (SSAB); and the session will be facilitated and supported by members of the SSAB Team.

Also in attendance may be the SAR Panel members and Senior Representatives of the agencies.

Contact details for the support team for the SSAB and the name of the panel members supporting the event including the name of the Independent Reviewer will be provided for your reference should you be invited to a Reflective Session.

If you feel you need further information about Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) please refer to the [SAR page](#) on our website, the SAR [Policy and Procedure](#) or our [published SARs and other reviews page](#).

For further information on the work of the Board visit our [website](#).

If you have any further questions regarding the Reflective Session, please do not hesitate to contact the support team for the SSAB

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Thank you in advance for your support.