

7-Minute Briefing - Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR)

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What is a Safeguarding Adult Review?

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A statutory duty for a Safeguarding Adults Board. A SAR occurs when there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively together to protect the adult and a person has suffered serious harm or died, as a result of **abuse or neglect**.

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The person will have **care and support needs** whether or not the local authority were aware of those needs.

The aim is that **lessons can be learned** from the case and for those lessons to be applied to prevent similar harm re-occurring.



What it is not

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review is not to hold any individual or organisation to account. Where appropriate, other processes exist for that purpose, including criminal proceedings, disciplinary procedures, employment law and systems of service and professional regulation.

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Who can refer?

Anyone can refer a case to be considered for a Safeguarding Adult Review. The referral form can be accessed on the Halton Safeguarding Adults Board website:

[Adult Safeguarding | Adult Safeguarding \(haltonsafeguarding.co.uk\)](https://www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk)



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What happens next?

The HSAB SAR sub-group will meet and will consider the case against the criteria for a SAR. If the group recommends a SAR is undertaken, then this will be progressed via the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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Family and Friends

It is important to involve the person, family, and/or friends in the SAR process. More information can be found on the website.

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Practitioners

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Practitioners are also involved in the SAR process. They can attend and take part in a learning event, talking to someone or being part of a panel. Further information on this and recently published local and national SARs can be found on the website.

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