

The Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board is an independent partnership of organisations set up to protect adults at risk from abuse and neglect. The Board brings together Health Trusts, Police, Adult Care Services, Probation Service, District Councils and other agencies concerned with safeguarding.

What is Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR)

We may carry out a review where an adult at risk has been harmed, or has died, and abuse or neglect is suspected. The focus of every review is to look at how organisations worked together and make improvements to prevent similar harm occurring again in the future.

A Safeguarding Adults Review is separate from any process undertaken by the Police or the Coroner.

Who leads Safeguarding Adults Reviews

A review is led by a chairperson and independent report writer and includes organisations which were involved with adult at risk.

At the end of the review, we will agree a report with recommendations for actions. The report will usually be published to share lessons learnt and improve services.

How long will a review take

We aim to complete a review within six months of the decision that a review will be undertaken. Sometimes, timescales need to be extended, particularly if there are parallel Police investigations or Court proceedings.

How we involve families and friends

We are keen to work with family and friends and when possible with adult at risk. There will be opportunities to contribute to a review - we will ask your views on services received and if you feel you were listened to. We will discuss our findings before the report is published. Conducting a review is the statutory duty so we will not seek your consent.

Where to find more information

For more information go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hsab