

Safeguarding Adult Reviews: Frequently Asked Questions

What is Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board?

- Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board brings together the key organisations that work with adults with care and support needs in the city.
- Working together like this helps to keep adults safe.

What is a Safeguarding Adult Review?

- A Safeguarding Adult Review will look at how staff have worked with an individual.
- The review will look at what was done, what lessons can be learned for the future and whether any changes need to be made.
- It is not a criminal investigation or public inquiry and its aim is not to blame but to learn.

Why are you carrying out a Safeguarding Adult Review?

- A Safeguarding Adult Review is carried out when there have been concerns about a adult who has suffered a potential life-threatening injury or has died.
- It will also look at the events surrounding the incident and raise any concerns about the way in which staff have worked together.

Who will carry out the review?

- Reviews are led by independent lead reviewer, who is not connected with the case or services involved in any way
- They may be helped by a panel of senior staff from Adult Social Care, Police, Health and other organisations
- They will meet to review the information and prepare a report.

What will I have to do?

- You do not have to do anything but you will be able to give your views if you would like to. The person who gives you this information will explain the process further.

Who will see the report?

- The report will be sent to organisations that have contributed to it, so they can advise their staff of any learning from the case. In some cases where the Coroner is involved they will also have access to the report and use it as part of an inquest.
- A report which outlines the key findings of the review without giving any personal details will be available on the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board website for anyone who wants to read it. You will have the opportunity to discuss the report with a representative of the review group. This report will be anonymised to protect the identity of the individual.
- Findings from all SARs and resulting actions will also be included within the board's annual report, which is also made available on line. This will also be anonymised.

How long will the review take?

- The review can take several months to complete depending on how complicated the case is but we will keep you up to date.

Further Information: We have tried to answer some of the most frequently asked questions you may have about Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

If you want to know more about Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Adults Board you can look at our website at: bit.ly/brightonsab