

Learning from Experience

Serious Case Reviews

A serious case review will be held in the event of a death, where abuse is known or suspected, and will be considered where a vulnerable adult has sustained a potentially life threatening injury through abuse or neglect, serious sexual assault, or sustained serious and permanent impairment of health or wellbeing through abuse or neglect.

A serious case review protocol has been produced in order to

- Learn from past experience
- Improve future practice by acting on the learning
- Improve multi agency working
- Review safeguarding adults procedures

This will normally be initiated by the Safeguarding Adults Coordinator and passed to the Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Committee/Safeguarding Adults Board for a decision. The review will engage all relevant agencies, and will be included in the annual report.

De-brief after a completed Safeguarding Adults process

These can be lengthy and stressful processes and things do not always go according to plan. A de-brief, ideally chaired by someone who was not involved in the process, can be a useful way of unpicking what happened and looking at what might have helped. The aim is to improve inter agency working relationships and to learn from practice.

Any agency can request a de-brief and this would normally be chaired by a member of the Safeguarding Adults team.

Domestic violence homicide reviews

These are due to be implemented as part 9 (3) of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and could involve a vulnerable adult. The Home Office website should be checked for the up to date position www.homeoffice.gov.uk