
West Sussex
Safeguarding Adults
Board
Making Safeguarding Personal



West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

MS Safeguarding Adult Review Press Release

Date: 14 October 2019

West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board
Version 1 | October 2019

A Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) for MS was published today (14th October 2019) by West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board. The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review is to promote learning and improve practice, not to re-investigate or to apportion blame.

The objectives include establishing:

- lessons learnt from how professionals and their agencies work together;
- how effective the safeguarding procedures are;
- learning and good practice issues;
- how to improve local inter-agency practice; and
- service improvement or development needs for one or more service or agency.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews provide an opportunity to:

- improve inter-agency working;
- cascade lessons learnt to partner agencies (see professional briefing);
- share best practice; and
- better safeguarding of adults at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

This SAR considered the case of MS, a lady who was 90 years old when she went to visit her sister for the Christmas Period. MS and her sister both fell on the floor and after a prolonged wait for Ambulance attendance, were visited by Police officers, who supported both ladies off the floor.

Unfortunately, following both ladies experiencing a subsequent fall, MS was found on the floor at her sister's home by a family carer, having passed away.

This report identifies learning which agencies can use for future improvements. West Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board is committed to working alongside partners in order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented and understood by professionals.

****END****