



Briefing Note

SAR 13 “Hazel”

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board are today publishing a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) regarding Hazel (not her real name) who died on 29th December 2020, age 55.

Hazel had a medical history of alcohol-dependence and hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, diabetes and hypertension. Hazel was found deceased in her flat which was in a poor state of repair, with accumulated rubbish.

The SAR panel agreed that the key line of enquiry would be how Hazel’s case, and self-neglect cases generally, aligned with an established evidence-base. A key focus would be on the enablers of best practice, and on the obstacles or barriers to it.

The SAR panel also identified particular themes for analysis

- How services responded when Hazel declined assessments of her care and support needs;
- How services responded to her alcohol-dependence.
- How services responded to evidence of self-neglect;
- Whether any formal mental capacity assessments had been completed;
- Whether Hazel’s falls were considered in the context of her alcohol-dependence;
- Whether there were missed opportunities to share information to safeguarding Hazel from abuse/neglect, particularly in response to her self-neglect;

The board wishes to record their condolences to Hazel’s family.

The Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board and its partners fully accept the report and its recommendations. The partnership is now working on addressing the recommendations and a multi-agency action plan is in process to secure improvements in how professionals work with adults who may self-neglect in Liverpool.

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