



Briefing Note

SAR 11 “Joseph”

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board are today publishing a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) regarding ‘Joseph’ (not his real name).

This Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) concerns the care and treatment of a 72-year-old man. Joseph suffered from mental ill health as well as substance misuse. He lived in supported accommodation when he was found in December 2019 in poor condition.

The SAR panel agreed that the key line of enquiry would focus on how agencies responded to specific areas highlighted below in Joseph’s case. A key focus would be on the agencies systems and processes to identify opportunities for learning, and areas of best practice.

The SAR panel also identified particular themes for analysis

- How services responded to safeguarding concerns regarding welfare, including abuse or neglect, and care or support needs
- How services considered risk assessments in relation to mental health and substance misuse, and how this was shared with other key agencies
- How services considered lived experience and economic social circumstances access to the support of family and friends, and the impact of racial, cultural, linguistic, faith, disability or other diversity issues on his circumstances, and their capacity to access support
- How services considered the legal basis for family members to act on Joseph’s behalf
- How services considered information sharing in relation to escalation of concerns
- How services followed policy and procedures
- How services responded to organisational change, during the period under review, and whether this impacted quality of service delivery
- Whether there were opportunities to share best practice

The board wishes to record their best wishes to Joseph and his family for his continued recovery.

The Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board and its partners fully accept the report and its recommendations. Liverpool SAB is now working on addressing the recommendations and a multi-agency improvement plan is in process to secure improvements in how professionals work with adults with care and support needs.

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