1 Minute Guide to Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARS)



ESAB is responsible for initiating a SAR:

- When an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult.
- Where an adult is still alive but has experienced serious neglect or abuse, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect them.
- In other situations where it feels there is a value in doing so. These may be cases which provide useful insights into the way organisations are working together to prevent and reduce abuse and neglect of adults, but which may not meet criteria for a safeguarding adult review.

Their purpose is to:

- Determine what the relevant agencies and individuals involved in the case might have done differently that could have prevented harm or death.
- Apply lessons learnt to future cases to prevent similar harm occurring in future.
- Not lay blame, or hold any individual or organisation to account.



SARS are to LEARN and IMPROVE. They are carried out to:

- Understand why an adult came to harm.
- Identify contributory factors to the harm of an adult.
- Agree actions to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again.
- Look at examples of good practice and agree how this can be used to improve safeguarding practice.

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