

ESAB publication of six Safeguarding Adults Reviews

On Monday 21 November 2022, Essex Safeguarding Adults Board (ESAB) published six Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) into deaths of adults at risk, who had care and support needs, where it was deemed that agencies could have worked better together, to protect those adults from harm, and or abuse. The adults have been given pseudonyms, which are: Lucy, Sonia, Simon and Megan. Please find the full SAR reports here: <https://www.essexsab.org.uk/published-sars>

In consideration of particular family wishes, an Executive Summary will be published for Miss J, and a learning briefing will be shared for SAR John.

Publication was delayed owing to the unprecedented pressures created by the Pandemic on the health and social care system, both in Essex and nationally, and consequently ESAB proactively decided to pause our review processes, in recognition of the demands faced by front line services and practitioners.

Recommendations for improvements are set out within these six SARs, where five common themes have been noted:

Five themes from 6 x SARs	
Theme 1	Challenges when working with those who experience Complex Needs
Theme 2	Improving Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) and hearing the voice of the adult at risk
Theme 3	The importance of a shared approach to setting high standards in safeguarding practice and oversight from ESAB
Theme 4	ESAB's oversight of outcomes from partner's quality assurance of safeguarding systems
Theme 5	Improving interagency communications between Health and Social Care

Themes can be explored in more detail in the explanatory document on the website. Associated action plans will support the delivery of improvement for each agency concerned, where evidence-based outcomes will be monitored by ESAB.