

Publication of the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) in respect of Margaret A/2016

The Rotherham Adult Safeguarding Board (SAB) has today published the findings of an independent report into the circumstances of the death of Margaret on 11th February 2015. The review was undertaken in accordance with obligations under Section 44 of the care Act 2014. The purpose of a review is to examine whether agencies and individuals involved in the case in question might have done things differently to prevent harm or death. Findings are published setting out actions which need to be taken to prevent re occurrence. It is not the role of a SAR to hold individual organisations to account, apportion blame or address professional negligence. Where such issues exist, these matters are addressed in other legal processes.

A death in any circumstances is a tragedy and the Board wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Margaret and thanks them for their co-operation during the review.

In July 2016, the Independent Chair of RSAB agreed that the criteria for a Safeguarding Adult Review were met and an independent reviewer was commissioned. The SAR panel agreed to use a mixed methods approach based on systems methodology to conduct the SAR.

The review has identified a number of recommendations and an action plan has been prepared which will be overseen by the Rotherham SAB and progress reported in the annual report.

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