



SAR20-Recommendations:

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (CIOS) Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) has a statutory duty to undertake Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) for any cases referred to it that meet the Care act section 44 criteria. The purpose of a SAR as stated in the Care act statutory guidance is promote effective learning and improvement action to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again.

The SAB has undertaken a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) into the circumstances of a case that was referred to the Board. Following careful consideration of the findings, the Board has decided to publish the review recommendations only, rather than the full learning report. This decision has been made to protect the identities and privacy of the adult who was the subject of the review and their family, while ensuring that key learning and recommendations are shared to support improvements in safeguarding practice across partner agencies.

Multi-agency:

Recommendation One: The Tri-Safeguarding Partnership for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (Safer Cornwall, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Adults Board and Our Safeguarding Children's Partnership Board) agree to share the learning from this SAR in a joint, recorded learning event and develop supportive learning materials to promote practitioners to 'Think Family', practice with professional curiosity, and enabling trauma informed practice.

Recommendation Two: Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Adults Board, through the SAR implementation subgroup continue to implement recommendations from recent SARs regarding SAB self-neglect policy and partnership working utilising 'My Team Around Me' approaches to support adults with complex needs.

Recommendation Three: Cornwall Council and the Council of the Isles of Scilly adult and children's social care need to provide assurance that there are robust processes within referrals, needs assessments and safeguarding enquiries to identify children or other dependants within the home environment to enable the sharing of proportionate risk information, and support a 'Think Family' approach.

Single agency:

Recommendation Four: The identified Housing provider to review, at pace, their policies and associated ongoing training for supporting people where environmental concerns are impacting upon tenancy. Policy review and ongoing training to specifically consider all-age safeguarding duties (Think Family Safeguarding).

Recommendation Five: Adult social care to ensure there are robust processes for voluntary services organisations to recognise and handover cases for review and consideration of needs assessment in circumstances where there are unmanageable self-neglect and hoarding risks.

Recommendation Six: Adult social care to promote practitioners understanding of duties and responsibilities for self-neglect threshold safeguarding where decisions have been triaged for care management, including Care Act duties to raise a needs assessment.

Recommendation Seven: Health services involved in this review to promote practitioners understanding of responsibilities for assessing, escalating and responding to concerns relating to deteriorating mental health, ensuring known diagnoses, presenting risks and information shared by partner agencies are appropriately considered within decision-making.

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Please take some time to consider: What are your reflections on the learning from this case, how might it change your practice and what might you do differently in the future? If you would like to share your reflections, please email to the SAB mailbox @ safeguardingadultsboard@cornwall.gov.uk

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