

Safeguarding Adult Review

Adult AS and Adult AT

WHAT IS A SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEW?

Care Act 2014: Statutory duty of the Safeguarding Adults Board to conduct a Safeguarding Adults Review

Where an adult with care and support needs has died and the Board knows or suspects that the death resulted from abuse or neglect, AND There is reasonable cause for concern about how the Board, its members or others worked together to safeguard the adult.

OUTCOME

To identify lessons to be learnt from the case and apply those lessons to future cases (not to allocate blame or responsibility) AND to improve how agencies work, singly and together, to safeguard adults.

ADULTS AS AND AT BACKGROUND TO THE REVIEW

Adult AT, a 73-year-old lady lived with her son Adult AS, 33 years, in a rented property, after moving to the UK from America some years earlier with her husband, who died in 2004. As a result, both mother and son experienced considerable mental distress and grief, consistently expressing a wish to return to the USA, but said financially that this was not possible (the real picture suggested otherwise). They became increasingly isolated, had no friends, rarely saw neighbours, and relied on takeaway food.

The Post Office manager noticed a deterioration in how Adult AT presented in the final year when withdrawing money and shopping (a weekly routine). She was unkempt, would sit on

Around this time, Adult AS was markedly losing weight, and there was a suggestion that he could have an undiagnosed learning disability which meant at times, Adult AT could be impatient with him.

Mother and son were sadly found deceased in their property due to cardiac arrest, hypothermia and emaciation.



Cases involving a lack of self-care often require lengthy, flexible and creative involvement from

