**Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) Scrutiny Panels**

Bury Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB) has a legal duty to carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) when an adult with care and support needs dies of, or has experienced abuse or neglect that could have been prevented, and partners could have worked more effectively to protect the adult concerned.

The aim of the SAR is to gather and share learning in order to improve the way services work and prevent similar cases from happening again. Findings and lessons from SARs are set out in the recommendations within each SAR report and these recommendations form the basis of multi-agency and single agency actions plans. The Adults Case Review Subgroup is responsible for overseeing the delivery of these actions which are delegated to individual agencies and relevant BSAB Subgroups to ensure learning is translated into multi-agency policies and procedures, embedded through workforce development initiatives and reviewed through service user feedback and quality assurance.

The actions plans are not the end of the SAR process; they are the starting point for significant programmes of work that can range from quick one-off actions to long term initiatives designed to change the way multi-agency services work together across health, social care and the criminal justice system.

**SAR Scrutiny Panel Flow Chart**

To ensure the action plans are delivered in a timely and effective way the Adults Case Review Sub group will establish a SAR Scrutiny Panel 6 months post SAR action plans being finalised and a meeting will run as follows:

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SAR Scrutiny panel members will be identified to include those with specialist knowledge to consider the actions as being fully discharged (complete). A panel date is set 6 months post commencement of implementation of the action plan and action owners are provided with a date and time in advance to allow for attendance. Action owners will be required to submit a progress update via the Business Unit in advance of the Panel to be considered by the Adults Case Review Subgroup. This may be via completion of the assurance documentation (which only applies where SAB are seeking assurance) – or updating the action plan and returning to the Business Unit so that the master action plan can be updated and reviewed by the Adults Case Review Subgroup.

SAR Action Plans will be reviewed by the Scrutiny Panel, with the action owner, who will be expected to demonstrate how actions have been implemented and discharged, explain what difference the changes have made, and highlight any barriers or best practice.

Requests in advance of a Scrutiny Panel to extend the deadline for the action, go to the Adults Case Review Subgroup Chair for discussion with the Independent Chair of the SAB for agreement, advising the scrutiny panel chair.

Action Plan progress will be reported to the Adults Case Review Subgroup until all the actions have been completed

Where the SAR Scrutiny Panel identifies ongoing delays or blockages to the delivery of actions it will work with action owners to find solutions. Escalation to the BSAB may be required in exceptional circumstances.

Where there are no plans to address outstanding actions, or agreement cannot be achieved at the Scrutiny Panel in the first instance, the item will be escalated to the Safeguarding Adult Board for resolution of ownership and onward accountability.

Once all the actions within the Plan have been completed an update is presented to SAB providing a summary of the changes made and the impact on future safeguarding concerns.