

# Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board Bitesize Webinar



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# Virtual Training Protocol

- Mute microphones when not speaking
- Raise hand to speak or indicate in comment box
- Be Kind respect others views and perspectives
- Opportunity to reflect and learn
- Support Available if required (speak to us after – confidential)

# Bitesize webinars

1. What is safeguarding and how to report it in Worcestershire
2. Role of the Safeguarding Adults Board
3. Mental Capacity Act and Best Interest Decisions
4. Making Safeguarding Personal
- 5. Safeguarding Adults Reviews**
6. Engagement

# SAR Process

(Currently Reviewing following recommendations from national SAR review)

Key Stages	Key Activities
➤ <b>Referral</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Assess whether criteria for SAR potentially met</li><li>➤ If yes, all agencies involved contacted for relevant information</li></ul>
➤ <b>Scoping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Case Review Subgroup consider if criteria has been met</li><li>➤ Where it has, agree methodology for SAR</li></ul>
➤ <b>Commissioning of SAR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Specification outlining experience and knowledge required for SAR placed on a SAR author procurement portal (Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS))</li><li>➤ Author appointed</li><li>➤ Agree ToRs with Case Review Subgroup</li></ul>
➤ <b>Production of SAR by Author</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Panel members established</li><li>➤ Author meets with person/family/Carer/Supporter</li><li>➤ Learning events held with involved practitioners &amp; direct line managers</li></ul>
➤ <b>Completion and Sign off</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ SAR brought to Case Review Subgroup</li><li>➤ Signed off by WSAB</li><li>➤ Agree whether it can be published</li></ul>
➤ <b>Publishing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Learning Brief produced (author and LDP&amp;C)</li><li>➤ Family informed of decision</li><li>➤ Learning Brief and SAR published on website (where agreed)</li><li>➤ Annual Learning event held (on themes from SARs)</li></ul>
➤ <b>MAAPs and SAAPs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Case Review Subgroup contact relevant subgroup/organisation informing them of recommendations they need to address requesting response</li><li>➤ Action undertaken and once completed feedback to Case Review Subgroup</li><li>➤ Once all completed signed off by WSAB</li></ul>

# Summary of Recommendations



## ***Reoccurring themes:***

- Self Neglect – (Most)
- Role of Lead Professional (multi-agency joined up work)
- Implementation of Mental Capacity Act (Most)
- Transition

Best Interest Decisions (Lucy/Mary)

Pathways with Children's Partnership (JKL)

- Carers assessments and Signposting support organisations (Jane/Lucy/JKL)

## ***Other areas***

- Promote parity of esteem between mental health and physical health (Jane)
- Utilisation of advocacy (Mr and Mrs Jones)
- Think the Unthinkable (Mary)

# MSP

- **Self Neglect is a factor in a number of referrals resulting in the need for difficult conversations.**
  - Engagement of those who decline support difficult
  - Alcohol (2 reviews)
  - Isolation – understanding how and why this may be (RN / Jane)

Time is needed to develop trust and engagement

*research on self-neglect emphasises the importance of building relationships in enabling people to commit to and engage with the process of change*

**Above and beyond – workers need agreement to go above and beyond their usual role sometimes in complex situations to meet individual needs (Jane / David)**

**Advocacy should be considered / utilised where required (Mr and Mrs J/ J,K,L)**

# Multiagency working /communication

- **Need for multi-agency planning and oversight (RN/David / PB / MR & Mrs J)**
- **Need for a lead practitioner (RN / Neil / Jane / Thematic Review)**
- **Any agency could have called a Multi-Disciplinary Team Mtg (DK – non-SAR / Mr & Mrs J, PB)**
- **Pathway between agencies is complex and unclear (DH/Jane)**
- **Transition Pathway needs to improve (2 cases)**
- **Uncertainty about escalation processes. (RN/David / M)**
- **Difficulty sustaining tenancies due to self neglect – policy & procedures in place but a lead agency is needed to progress this. (Thematic review / DH)**

# Mental Capacity

**Assessment of capacity when there is reason to doubt  
(David/Karen/RN)**

**Mental Capacity needs to be clearly understood to ensure consent is appropriately considered. The ability of the adult's executive decision making must be explored. (Jane).**

**Ensure assessment of capacity is completed when in doubt  
(Mr and Mrs J, J,K,L, M and L)**

**In assessments under the Mental Capacity Act, often the "executive capacity" is insufficiently considered. "*...the ability to carry out decisions and intentions, especially in relation to one's own welfare.*" Preston-Shoot (Jane)**



# Links and contacts

Link to published SARs and learning briefs

[SARs - Worcestershire Safeguarding Boards  
\(safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk\)](https://safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk)