

## **Safeguarding Adult Reviews: Information for families.**

### **What is the HSAB?**

The HSAB brings together the main organisations that work with adults with care and support needs and their families across Hampshire with the aim of making sure they work in partnership to keep adults at risk of abuse and neglect safe.

### **What is a Safeguarding Adult Review?**

The HSAB may carry out a Safeguarding Adult Review when:

1. An adult with care and support needs has been harmed or has died *and*
2. abuse or neglect is suspected *and*
3. there are concerns about how organisations have worked together to prevent similar deaths or injuries happening in the future.

A Safeguarding Adult Review looks at how local organisations have worked together to provide services to the adult(s) who is/are subject to a review. A Safeguarding Adult Review is separate from investigations that are undertaken by the Police or Coroner.

### **Who undertakes Safeguarding Adult Reviews?**

Safeguarding Adult Reviews are undertaken using different methods, involving people from the various organisations who were involved with the adult.

There will be an independent reviewer who will be responsible for carrying out the review and for writing the report. At the end of the process a final report is produced which is then agreed by the Safeguarding Adults Board.

### **How long will the review take?**

Once the decision is taken to start a review, the aim is to complete it within 6 months. However, each reviews timescales will need agreeing according to any specific factors within the review. For example, the need to wait for an outcome from an investigation relevant to the review. This means it may take longer than 6 months to complete.

### **How are families involved?**

Families and, where relevant and appropriate, close friends and carers, will be given the opportunity to share their views and comment on the services they, and the adult concerned received. When the Review is complete there will be an opportunity offered to outline the findings and recommendations and families will be provided with a copy of the review. This will also be available on the HSAB website.