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## Care Act 2014 Safeguarding Adults Review

The Care Act 2014 states that Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) must arrange a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult. The purpose of the SAR is to promote effective learning and improvement to prevent future deaths or serious harm.



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## Background

Caroline's death was reported by a male, now known to be her friend/ carer. He found her deceased on the sofa in the early hours of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024, and stated her death was expected. Her property was described as 'unkempt' and she had deep pressure sores. There were concerns she had suffered neglect. Caroline had a history of self-neglect and hoarding; She had reduced mobility and deteriorating physical health. There was a history of involvement from the Occupational Therapy Team and the Environmental Health Team due to the condition of her property. Caroline had a live in carer/ friend/ partner, and there were concerns regarding coercive control and financial abuse.

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## Good Practice

1. Good multi agency working between the GP and the Local Authority Safeguarding Adults Team, particularly in relation to trying to speak to Caroline alone.
2. The Environmental Health Officer appropriately raised their concerns to the Police when the male made threats to kill Caroline.



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## Methodology

- Line of sight review
- Chronologies
- Practitioner event
- Scoping period

## Agencies involved

- Hull Safeguarding Adults Board Partnership
- Humberside Police
- Adult social care
- Integrated Care Board
- HCC Housing
- Humberside Fire and Rescue Service
- DWP

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## Actions Continued:

6. Raise awareness of the S.11 Refusal of Assessment Care Act 2014.
7. All agencies to consider referral and assessment documentation and how they collect and record this data.
8. Contact information, including family and carer details, to be reviewed. Audit the collections of personal demographics.
9. Create an all-age practice guidance note on professional curiosity.

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## Recommendations -

1. Raise awareness of Making Safeguarding Personal.
2. Audit how the partnership involves the person in decision making about their care and support needs.
3. Raise awareness of intrafamilial domestic abuse, particularly in the context of cared for/carer relationship.
4. Develop training on the application and understanding of executive functioning.
5. Create 7-minute briefing - interface between neglect and self-neglect, alongside the development of partnership guidance.

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## Key Learning Themes

- Voice of the person
- Domestic abuse
- Neglect v Self neglect
- Care Act assessment
- Protected Characteristics
- Professional Curiosity