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Safeguarding Adult Review

Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 stipulates that the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) has a responsibility to authorise the commissioning of a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR). A review is required to be undertaken if the Board considers that there is significant learning to be gained across partner agencies.

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Background

Annie had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis for a significant period prior to the time of this review. She lived in her own home with her son who was not actively involved in her care. Annie was immobile and required some assistance with her daily living needs. A full care package was in place to meet her needs. This included carers attending the home four times a day, attendance at day support three days a week and the district nursing service twice weekly. This had been in place for a significant period of time. In March 2019 Annie's condition deteriorated and she was taken to hospital outside of Tameside. After a month she was transferred back to the local hospital and discharged home for a very short period before being admitted to a nursing home. Her condition deteriorated. She was readmitted to the hospital where she sadly died some days later. Cause of death aspiration pneumonia.

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Learning Resources

SAR-Guidance for staff
(tameside.gov.uk)

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SAR Themes

- Overall quality of support offered to Annie and family by agencies
 - Communication
 - Record Holding
- Discharge Planning Processes
- Systems for Sharing Information

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Recommendations

- Multi agency Review Meetings on a 3 monthly basis or sooner, for any client.
- Clear protocols in place for all agencies who practise the system of hand held records.
- Tameside to have one system to which safeguarding referrals are sent.
- Review of the discharge planning procedures when clients are Transferred between services.

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Good Practice

There is evidence that Annie's care needs were delivered and that some practitioners were working collaboratively to ensure needs were met.

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Learning

There was a lack of communication between agencies as to the care which was being provided to Annie and there was no joint evaluation of its impact

The importance of systems being in place which adopt a multi-agency approach to the assessment, implementation and evaluation of the overall care being delivered

Central point of information and a source for more effective multi agency communication as well as making information available to the client and their family.

