



What is a Single Unified Safeguarding Review?

A Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) is carried out when someone has experienced significant harm or has died, and where it is thought lessons can be learned.

Agencies who worked with the person known to you will come together to discuss what happened and whether anything could have been done differently. You will be asked for your views on what happened. Your involvement is very important.

This provides an opportunity for agencies to consider what can be learned and what improvements can be made to practice and services in the future.

Information for Individuals Involved in Single Unified Safeguarding Reviews



How do we do the Review?

A Review Panel made up of senior staff members from the agencies that worked with or supported the person known to you is held to manage the review process.

The Panel may include staff from organisations such as the NHS, local authority, police service, education, probation or youth offending services, and any other agency who may have worked with them.

An independent Chair will be appointed to lead and oversee the Panel.

An independent Reviewer(s) will be appointed to review the practice and services that were provided to the person known to you and produce a report with recommendations.

A separate Learning Event will be held and attended by staff who were directly involved with providing a service or support to the person known to you. It will allow them to reflect together on what happened and identify learning for future practice.

How do I contribute to the Review?

Any views or feelings you want to share about what happened are important.

The Chair or Reviewer(s) will contact you to determine how you would like to be involved in the Review.

Additional support such as advocacy is available.

Some people have found the below questions helpful when considering what they want to share with the Reviewer(s):

- How do you feel about what happened?
- Is there something you wish had been done by the people working with the person known to you?
- Is there anything you wanted to be asked by the people working with the person known to you?
- Did you feel like you could talk to the people working with the person known to you?
- Is there anything you think could have been done differently?
- What would you like the Review to consider?

What happens next?

Multi-Agency Timeline

The Review Panel will produce a timeline of the contact agencies had with the person known to you. They will use this to understand what agencies knew about them and how they worked alone and together to support and protect them. The timeline will also be considered at the learning event.

The Report

After the Learning Event the Reviewer will write the SUSR Report using the learning obtained through the process.

The Report will provide recommendations on what needs to happen in the future.

The Report will not mention you or the person known to you by name.

The Report will be published and an Action Plan will be shared with the right people so that the actions can be addressed.



Support Options

We understand that any incident which results in a SUSR will have been a traumatic and distressing experience. We would like to reassure you that support is available, whether you wish to engage with the Review process or not.



Cruse 0808 808 1677

Provide emotional support to anyone affected by grief.



Samaritans 116 123

Provide emotional support to people struggling to cope.



CALL Helpline 0800 132 737

Mental health helpline for Wales. A confidential listening and support service.

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DAN 24/7 0808 808 2234

A single point of contact for anyone in Wales wanting further information and/or help relating to drugs and/or alcohol.



How will my information be used?

You will be provided with a separate Privacy Notice document which will set out in detail how your personal information will be used. If you have any questions about the information provided or how your personal information will be used, you can contact us at any point during the process, using the phone number or email address given in our initial contact with you.

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