



Residential Care, Neglect and Effective Oversight

S04 · Safeguarding Adults Review learning

EVIDENCE

A completed review highlighted how adults in residential settings depend on robust care planning, professional oversight and responsive safeguarding when standards deteriorate.

LEARNING FOR PRACTICE

- 01 Changes in health, presentation or care quality should be recognised and escalated promptly.
- 02 Commissioners, providers and health professionals need clear routes for sharing concerns and testing improvement.
- 03 Family observations and the person's lived experience can provide essential evidence about care quality.
- 04 Safeguarding assurance should examine practice and outcomes, not only policies or completed actions.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

- What evidence shows the care plan is working?
- Are concerns being shared across provider and commissioner boundaries?
- How are the person and family being heard?
- Has improvement been tested in day-to-day practice?

PRACTICE ACTIONS

Escalate deterioration early.

Strengthen provider oversight.

Test impact through practice evidence.

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