



Safeguarding Adults Review

‘Louise’

Publication Statement

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has today published the findings of a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) regarding Louise.

This SAR was commissioned to ensure that there was an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Louise, in order to identify any insights and learning about the ways in which professionals and agencies worked together to safeguard her. The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review is to promote learning and improve practice, not to re-investigate or to apportion blame.

We would like to thank the family of Louise for their contribution to the report enabling us to reflect their thoughts.

The review considered the following specific issues.

- Management of incidents of Domestic Abuse with someone who may be seen as a victim rather than a perpetrator.
- Information sharing in relation to mental health provisions.
- Risk assessment and management of the risk of suicide for adults prior to discharge from formal hospital admission, following a suspected suicide attempt.
- Decision making in relation to capacity and involving the family in the process.
- Including the family within Care Act Assessments.

As well as highlighting good practice, the review identified important learning and key areas for further improvement. The SSAB accepts the recommendations in full and will work with agencies to share and embed this learning within respective organisations and the wider system.

The SSAB will hold involved agencies to account and seek assurance that the recommendations are implemented and look to monitor the impact of changes to ensure that others are protected in the future.

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