



## Safeguarding Adults Review 'April'\*

### Publication Statement

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has today published a summary report in relation to the findings taken from a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) regarding April.

This SAR was commissioned to ensure that there was an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the safeguarding of April, 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.

April's family have suffered a great deal of stress throughout and we would like to thank them for their contribution to the review, enabling us to reflect their perspective and thoughts.

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 also monitor the impact of changes to ensure that others are protected in the future.

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