



Safeguarding Adults Review

‘Eddie’

Publication Statement

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

This SAR was commissioned to ensure that there was an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Eddie, in order to identify any insights and learning about the ways in which professionals and agencies worked together to safeguard him.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review is to promote learning and improve practice, not to re-investigate or to apportion blame.

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere condolences to Eddie’s family who have suffered a great loss, and we thank those who knew Eddie and contributed to the review

The review considered the following specific issues.

- Practitioners supporting young people leaving care should access legal literacy training, including transitional safeguarding and assessments
- Agencies must ensure all young people placed in care or residential colleges have robust plans to manage serious medical conditions and clear risk assessments around this.
- Agencies need to work together when understanding a young person’s cognitive functioning within all circumstances.

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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