



Safeguarding Adults Review

‘Sam’

Publication Statement

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

This SAR was commissioned to ensure that there was an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the death of Sam, 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 Sam’s family and friends who have suffered a great loss, and we thank those who knew Sam and contributed to the review

The review considered the following specific issues.

- How can specialist support be offered for individuals diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease (MND) and assurance that all appropriate assessments completed.
- How can agencies coordinate multi agency meetings in relation to life limiting conditions to consider the views and involvement of the person and their representatives.
- How can effective and accessible communication plans be followed by agencies, when supporting people who live alone.

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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