



Safeguarding Adults Review 'Roy'

Publication Statement

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

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

The review considered the following specific issues.

- Understanding the complexities of supporting people with complex needs, through a pandemic
- How best to support conversations with a person and their family, supporting an understanding of a person's wishes around future planning, especially for those on end-of-life care or palliative care.
- The importance of awareness of Dementia and how to access awareness sessions.

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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