



Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review Suicide Prevention - in respect of 'Agatha' and 'Nick'

Publication Statement

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has today published the findings of a Thematic Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) in Suicide Prevention in relation to two adults Agatha and Nick.

This Thematic SAR was commissioned to ensure that there was an independent review of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of both Agatha and Nick, in order to identify any insights and learning about the ways in which professionals and agencies worked together to safeguard them both.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adult Review in particular a Thematic 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 both Agatha's and Nick's family and friends who have suffered a great loss, and we thank those who knew both Agatha and Nick and contributed to the review

The review considered the following specific issues.

- Supporting Adults Experiencing Multiple Disadvantages
- Interagency Urgent Safeguarding Risk Assessment Processes
- Protection Against Normalisation of Risk and Compassion Fatigue
- Developing Communities of Practice to Enable System-Wide Suicide Prevention Activity

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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