



Thematic Safeguarding Adults Review In respect of hospital discharge for adults with co- occurring conditions - in respect of 'Matthew', 'Paul', 'George' and 'Jon'

Publication Statement

The Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has today published the findings of a Thematic Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) in respect of hospital discharge for adults with co-occurring conditions in relation to four adults, Matthew, Paul, George and Jon.

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

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 family and friends of, Matthew, Paul, George and Jon who have suffered a great loss, and we thank those who knew all four adults and contributed to the review

The review considered the following specific issues.

- Managing Risks of Co-occurring Conditions
- Providing Safe Care for Adults Needing Support to Manage their Nutrition
- Impact on Systems of Learning Previously Identified

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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