

Publication of Safeguarding Adults Review: 'Ms Taylor'

Independent Chair's Statement on behalf of Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board

This is a very upsetting case and first and foremost our thoughts are with the family and friends of Ms Taylor.

Following Ms Taylor's death, Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board commissioned an independently-led review into the circumstances leading up to her death, the care she was receiving and how different agencies worked together to help her.

A number of changes and improvements have already been made by all of the agencies involved. These include improvements to fire safety policies and provision of fire safety equipment, staff training, assessment of risk, and communications with the fire brigade.

This review has also recommended further changes in some of these areas, including:

- further work on fire safety relating to healthcare products;
- identification of people at high risk;
- multi-agency communications and case coordination for people with complex needs;
- staff training and guidance on mental capacity; and
- review of the Board's self-neglect and hoarding policy to incorporate the learning from this review.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Review is to learn from what has happened and to ensure that there is change. The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board will continue to work with the agencies involved to monitor the actions arising from this review and ensure that practices change as a result.

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