

Publication of Victoria Safeguarding Adults Review

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

This is a very upsetting case and first and foremost our thoughts and sympathies are with Victoria's family and friends. We are grateful to **Victoria's cousin** for taking the time to contribute to this review and for continuing to advocate for Victoria after her death.

The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) commissioned this independently-led Safeguarding Adults Review to identify learning from the events leading to the death of Victoria, who sadly passed away, aged 38, from sepsis of unknown aetiology. Type 2 diabetes mellitus, cardiac failure, liver cirrhosis, obesity, right below knee amputation, and learning disability were recorded as other conditions contributing to **Victoria's** death but not related to the disease or condition causing it.

The Safeguarding Adults Review has identified important learning for the Haringey SAB and has recommended improvements, including:

- **Reviewing the SAB's** Self-Neglect and Hoarding Procedure to ensure that the level of risk an individual exposes themselves to is fully assessed in cases of self-neglect.
- Reviewing SAB policy, guidance and training content relating to mental capacity assessment.
- Ensuring appropriate feedback is given when safeguarding concerns are referred.
- Ensuring concerns raised about a care provider are shared with the relevant commissioning team.
- Considering the benefits of wider roll out of the London Urgent Care Plan to share information across the healthcare system.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Review is to learn from what has happened and to ensure that changes are made. The Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board will continue to work with the agencies involved in this case to monitor the implementation of recommendations arising from this review and to ensure that practices improve as a result.

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