

Publication of the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) in respect of Samantha

The Rotherham Adult Safeguarding Board (SAB) has today published the findings of an independent report into the circumstances of the death of Samantha who was found deceased on the 29th January 2021. The review was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 44 of the Care Act 2014. The purpose of a review is to examine whether agencies and individuals involved might have done things differently to prevent harm or death. Findings are published setting out actions which need to be taken to learn from the review in order to improve safeguarding. It is not the role of a SAR to hold individual organisations to account, apportion blame or address professional negligence. Where such issues exist, these matters are addressed in other legal processes.

The Safeguarding Adults Board and the SAR author have been unable to make contact with Samantha's family to discuss this review and share the final report with them. A death in any circumstances is a tragedy and the Board wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Samantha.

The review has identified a number of recommendations and an action plan has been prepared which will be overseen by the Rotherham SAB and progress reported in the Board's annual report.



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