

## **Statement of the Independent Chair of Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board on the publication of a Safeguarding Adults Review of William**

1. Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adults Board is today publishing a report into the care and safeguarding interventions provided to an adult male, aged 68 who died in hospital. During the timeframe of the review, William had had multiple hospital admissions for various reasons. On his final admission to hospital a safeguarding alert was raised due to pressure ulcers. William subsequently died in hospital. The cause of death was sepsis and septic shock.
2. This case has highlighted the challenges of providing services to people during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK and in addition, where people may not be compliant with care and support.
3. Publication of this report follows a decision by Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Adult Board on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
4. The Overview Report of a Safeguarding Adults Review within the terms of the Care Act 2014, Section 44 is being published in full here. The report was compiled independently by a highly experienced Safeguarding Adults Review author, Karen Rees.
5. Karen Rees engaged in a participative way with professionals who had been involved with William, via face to face workshops. The review process was overseen by the Safeguarding Adults Board's Safeguarding Adults Review Committee.
6. The report author concludes that there was no doubt that this case was upsetting for the professionals and also for the family of William.
7. When considering the case review report the Safeguarding Adults Board dwelt on the challenges of this case and the challenges faced by professionals working on the front line during the first few months of the Covid pandemic.
8. The report author made a number of recommendations for consideration across the partnership which the Safeguarding Adults Board will be addressing.

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