

Publication of Steve 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 **Steve's** family and friends.

Haringey Safeguarding Adults Board commissioned this independently-led Safeguarding Adults Review to identify learning from the events leading to the death of Steve, who sadly passed away after injuring his leg falling through the rotten floor of his privately rented property. Changes and improvements have already been made by the agencies involved in this review, but the Safeguarding Adults Review has recommended further improvements regarding:

- Reviewing the use, accessibility and promotion of multi-agency meetings;
- The processes available to escalate concerns about private sector housing;
- Provision of regular adult safeguarding training widely across agencies;
- Review and promotion of adult safeguarding pathways;
- Oversight and follow up of referrals to alcohol and mental health support services;
- The housing needs assessment of vulnerable people.

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

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