Publication of the Safeguarding Adults Review Overview Report: “Adult W”

Independent Chair’s Statement on behalf of Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board.

Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board has carried out a Safeguarding Adult Review in the form of a learning event. This was to review the events in relation to “Adult W”.

This is a very upsetting case and first and foremost our thoughts are with those who knew and cared for “Adult W”.

Following the death of “Adult W”, Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board commissioned an independently-led review into the circumstances leading up to his death, the care he was receiving and how different agencies worked together to help him.

A number of changes and improvements have already been made by all of the agencies involved. These include:

- Emergency crib sheet now in place for care workers
- Each supported living service within Camden now has a named health or social care professional from Camden Community Learning Disability Service
- District Nursing services to have an electronic records system alert for all adult learning disability cases
- Should be regular contact between Supported Living services and the GP, the surgery is researching ways to make this happen.
- Working with Learning Disability Nurses from the Community Learning Disability Service, on how to identify if a resident’s health may have changed and how to act.

The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Review is to learn from what has happened and to ensure that there is change. The Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership 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.

The Safeguarding Adults Board is committed to ensuring this learning is acted on and that changes are made to practice as a result. Each organisation has an action plan to enable the key concerns identified in this report to be acted on. The aim is to ensure that adults who are in need of care and support are better safeguarded from significant harm in the future.

James Reilly, Independent Chair of Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board