

Camden Safeguarding Adults Board has published a Safeguarding Adults Review about Coleen. Firstly, on behalf of the Board, I wish to extend our sincere condolences to Coleen's family, friends and those affected by the circumstances that led to this Safeguarding Adults Review. I would like to pay special tribute to the family members of Colleen who contributed hugely to this Review.

The review was commissioned to examine in detail the experiences of Colleen, a 31-year-old woman, who died within two days of being released from prison, whilst residing in interim hotel accommodation. The purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Review is not to attribute blame to individuals or agencies but to enable learning from what took place and ensure that the findings lead to recommendations that facilitate meaningful change, prevent similar situations occurring, drive improvements in inter-agency collaboration, and enhance safeguarding adults' practice.

Camden Adult Social Care partners requested the Board to commission this Review in September to identify learning that could be embedded quickly and shared with the Coroner, ahead of the inquest hearing. The Review considered information from the final 4 months of Colleen's life, from September 2024 to January 2025. The Independent Reviewer worked with a panel of representatives from relevant organisations, as well as family members, to produce the Review.

Following the approval of the Review by the Board, a comprehensive action plan is being developed with the relevant partners to ensure implementation of all recommendations outlined in the Review. The Safeguarding Adults Review Implementation Group (which is a sub-group of the Board) is responsible for monitoring progress in implementing the recommendations, requesting evidence that demonstrates tangible changes and improvements in practice and partnership working.

The Review is published alongside a statement from Colleen's family, together with a Learning Brief which summarises the findings and recommendations. This forms the basis for training and improvement work to support practitioners from all organisations across Camden. Updates on the Safeguarding Adults Reviews conducted in Camden and the impact of work to deliver the recommendations for improvements is included in the Boards Annual Reports<sup>1</sup>.

Yours sincerely,

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