

Independent Chair's Statement on behalf of Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB)

Publication of the Safeguarding Adults Review Overview Report: SAR 'JS'

This is a very upsetting case and first and foremost our thoughts are with those who knew and cared for 'JS'. The contribution from his mother has been invaluable to support our understanding of 'JS', his needs, and his journey before he came to live in Redbridge.

Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) commissioned an independent Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) following the death of 'JS' to review the multi-disciplinary working that took place whilst he was residing in Redbridge and an inpatient in local hospitals.

The review has identified positive findings in relation to:

- positive multi-disciplinary working where those responsible for commissioning services for 'JS' spread across a large geographical distance to Redbridge; and
- delivery of person centre care which considered 'JS's' learning disabilities.

The review has also shone a light on the challenges the system has in meeting the need of people with complex needs like 'JS'. These include:

- gaps in service provision for people who have acute physical and mental health needs;
- gaps in service provision for people with Prader-Willi Syndrome;
- the ability of acute medical wards to be able to manage the needs of people with complex learning disabilities/mental health issues on a long-term basis.

The RSAB is committed to developing an action plan following this review that can improve the transition and support to other people like 'JS' when care is commissioned away from home and family.

Given the involvement of NHS England and Integrated Care Boards in the South of the country I will formally write to them to ask them to consider the findings of the reviews so that in turn they can respond to the findings.

Finally, I would like to thank the Independent Reviewer and all the agencies who participated in the review.

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