

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) – Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR) Independent Reviewer

Case Overview

Redbridge Safeguarding Adults Board (RSAB) is seeking to identify an Independent Reviewer to lead a newly commissioned Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) – Mr 'DL'. The SAR will provide an understanding of how the multi-agency safeguarding system worked in the period preceding the death of this Redbridge resident.

At the time of his death, Mr 'DL' had left a supported living placement advising the registered manager that he would be staying with friends. He then went missing. His body, which took some while to be identified, was found in the River Thames a few days after he had left his accommodation. It is unclear what his final movements were or the exact circumstances of his death, which the post-mortem confirmed as resulting from drowning, but his body was found with dumbells attached to each wrist.

Review Themes

The case includes the following themes:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Learning Disability
- Self-Neglect
- Mental Health
- Contextual Safeguarding

Scope of the Review

The detailed scope of the Review will be developed by the SAR Panel as part of the Terms of Reference (ToR). Key areas that will be considered as part of the review include:

- Whether professionals are supported by policies and systems to meet expected professional standards, including record keeping and barriers to working within current policy procedure and guidance?
- How safeguarding concerns were responded to by the professionals working with Mr 'DL', including risk assessment and safety planning both on an individual and contextual basis. Is this reflective of the wider system?
- Whether communication and information sharing were effective and what supports effective communication?
- The views of any family members

Expectations and the Role of the Independent Reviewer

- 1. To identify multi-agency membership of and chair a SAR Panel.
- 2. To develop Terms of Reference (ToR) and Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs), alongside a chosen SAR methodology, with the Panel and family members, for approval by the RSAB Independent Chair.
- 3. Review and analysis of the information provided by agencies, considering the questions above and identify the KLOEs to explore the way in which the system is working

- 4. Identify and request, with support from the RSAB Manager, any additional information required for the Review.
- 5. To Chair a practitioner learning event.
- 6. To produce a written report, suitable for publication, which provides:
 - An executive summary of what happened in this case
 - Answers to the specific questions set in the Terms of Reference
 - Make recommendations to the Safeguarding Adults Board and specific partners as appropriate
- 7. To present the final SAR Report to the Safeguarding Adults Board for approval.

Experience required for the Review

The Independent Reviewer will be required to evidence the following:

- Experience of working at a senior level within health, adult social care, police, or community safety.
- A highly developed knowledge and practice experience of safeguarding adults at risk.
- Experience of chairing and presenting to multi-agency meetings.
- Significant experience of case reviews i.e. SARs, CSPRs/SCRs, DHRs
- An understanding of and experience in using different review methodologies and working to the <u>SCIE SAR Quality Markers</u>.

Review Timeline

The Board would like the SAR to be completed within a six-month period, commencing in October 2024 and with a final report being presented to the Board in April 2025.

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EOIs should be sent to RSAB@redbridge.gov.uk supported by the following documents:

- a current CV:
- links to examples of any published SARs, CSPRs/SCRs or DHRs published;
- two referees; and
- estimate of the number of days for completion, details of availability and inclusive daily rate of pay.

Submission date is by close of business on 03 September 2024.

If you would like an informal conversation with either the RSAB Independent Chair or RSAB Manager in advance of any submission, please e-mail RSAB@redbridge.gov.uk or call 07775399017.