



Martha Review – SSAB Media Statement

The Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has today published an independent Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) into the circumstances surrounding the death of 'Martha', an older adult.

Firstly, the SSAB would like to express sincere condolences to Martha's family for their tragic loss and we would like to thank them for their involvement in this review.

'Martha' was nearly 90 years old and had been living independently at home up until a period of hospitalisation following a fall. Following treatment for a fractured ankle 'Martha' was discharged to a care home for a period of respite care where there were concerns around the provision of her care and her health deteriorated.

The SAR has focused on the hospital discharge process, in particular the co-ordination, communications and information sharing between the organisations involved and any impacts of COVID restrictions then in place.

The SAR has identified important learning and key areas for further improvement. The Safeguarding Adults Board accepts these recommendations and the agencies involved in this review have endorsed them. We will now be working with partner agencies to share and embed this learning and to deliver improvements in the key areas identified in the recommendations.

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The Martha report and learning briefing is available online at www.southamptonlsab.org.uk