



Adult W – Learning Briefing Comms Statement

Deborah Stuart Angus, Independent Chair of the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board, said:

“On behalf of the Southampton Safeguarding Adult Board, along with our partner agencies in the City, I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Adult W, who died in June 2019. His case was referred to the Coroner as an unexpected death in the context of neglect. Adult W had a history of self-neglect and disengagement with the key agencies involved with him. It was agreed by the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board that, although the case did not meet criteria for a Safeguarding Adult Review, exploring the concerns and the associated multi-agency response would enable practitioners and services to learn from this very sad event.

“Southampton SAB would also like to acknowledge the persistent effort of key agencies that were engaged with Adult W, despite challenges and his strong wish to remain independent.”

“A learning briefing, has been produced, which details the recommendations and improvement actions that agencies need to adopt to prevent similar from happening again. Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board is committed to working alongside partners in order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented and understood by professionals.”

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The Adult W Learning Briefing is available online at www.southamptonlsab.org.uk

Deborah Stuart Angus was appointed as the Independent Chair of the Southampton Safeguarding Adult Board in January 2020. She is a qualified social worker with over 30 years of senior strategic and operational safeguarding, social care, health and business experience.