

Bury Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board to-day publish an Executive Summary of the findings of a Serious Case Review SCR following the death in December 2009 of Adult A.

The Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adult Partnership, Andrew Searle says: "Holding a serious case review is considered as good practice in response to the death or serious harm of a vulnerable adult, where questions are raised about the circumstances of that death and the lead up to it. It allows independent scrutiny of the engagement and response of different agencies who work with vulnerable adults."

The Executive Summary includes recommendations, it will be seen that several of these are positive, which indicate that work within the Borough, surrounding supporting adults at risk is established and works well. The Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board, however are certainly not complacent with the findings and seek to address all the issues raised. An Action Plan is already in place to aid this process and progress will be monitored on a regular basis through the Partnership Board.

The Independent Chair further stated :- "This Serious Case Review was not intended to look at the circumstances of Adult A's death, it was more about looking to see if we can learn lessons from the events leading up to it and by publishing this review our aim is to improve practice within safeguarding adults in general."

The conclusion of the Serious Case Review was that the murder of Adult A was neither predictable nor preventable by any of the people directly involved with him.

Bury Safeguarding Adult Partnership wish to express its sadness and sorrow to the family and friends of Adult A and promise to continue their joint work towards safeguarding adults. Their Statement of Commitment outlines the following principles:

That:

Everyone has the right to live their life free from violence, fear and abuse.  
All adults have the right to be protected from harm and exploitation.  
All adults have the right to self determination, which involves a degree of risk.

Andrew Searle  
Independent Chair  
Bury Safeguarding Adults Partnership