



North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (NSSAB) Accompanying Report

Safeguarding Adults Review Executive Summary Report: Learning from the circumstances of the deaths of Abi and Kim, published on 14th June 2023.

Introduction and statement from NSSAB Independent Chair Teresa Bell:

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board has today, Wednesday 14th June 2023, published a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) to learn from the circumstances of the tragic deaths of Abi and Kim, whose real names are used in the report rather than pseudonyms, as requested by their families. Abi and Kim completed suicide in a private psychiatric hospital in North Somerset.

The author of the review, Rosie Buckland, has highlighted learning areas for partner agencies alongside recommendations and NSSAB have identified a range of responses which form the basis of an action plan aimed at improving future practice.

A Safeguarding Adults Board commissions a SAR when an adult dies because of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the person at risk. The purpose of a SAR is not to hold any individual or organisation to account as there are other processes available for that purpose; they are about learning lessons for the future.

NSSAB is committed to ensuring that this review into the tragic circumstances and deaths of Abi and Kim will inform good practice across the partnership and improve outcomes for people in North Somerset. On behalf of NSSAB I offer my sincere condolences to family and friends of Abi and Kim.