



# North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board

## Accompanying Report

### Safeguarding Adults Review for Colin Smith published July 2023

#### Introduction and statement from SAB Independent Chair Teresa Bell:

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (NSSAB) has today 19/07/2023 published an executive summary of a Safeguarding Adults Review into the circumstances surrounding the support for and treatment of Colin Smith who died on 29 January 2021.

The Author of the review has highlighted several recommendations for different agencies and the NSSAB have identified a range of responses which will form the basis of an Action plan aimed at improving future practice.

NSSAB 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.

As the Independent Chair of the NSSAB, my role is to support and challenge agencies to work effectively together in safeguarding vulnerable adults. On behalf of the NSSAB, I would like to offer my formal condolences to Colin's family. I hope that this report gives some assurance that there has been a review and subsequently learning will be embedded to prevent similar tragic circumstances. An agreed action plan to deliver these recommendations was created and will be monitored by the and reviewed for ongoing assurance.