



Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board Response to the Paul Safeguarding Adults Review

The Kingston Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) made the decision to commission a discretionary Safeguarding Adults Review in relation to Paul's experience in August 2024. It was recognised that Paul could have died, had agencies not worked to safeguard him, and so this offered an opportunity to learn about what went well in safeguarding Paul.

The KSAB would like to thank the independent reviewer for a thorough, proportionate, review. The KSAB would also like to thank those professionals who worked with such a commitment to safeguarding to reach a positive outcome for Paul.

It has not been possible to arrange for Paul to contribute to this review due to the risk that it would cause him further trauma. The KSAB acknowledge this gap in the review and the efforts made to attempt to achieve this. It highlights the need for bereavement services to be accessible for all those who are struggling in their grief.

The KSAB will incorporate within its community engagement work, the development of a legacy care plan model and raise awareness of this with the public and agencies.

The KSAB will continue to promote the work of the Kingston Vulnerable Adult Multi-Agency Panel (KVAMA) to facilitate reflective thinking about how to best offer support to those individuals with a complexity of needs, who are at high risk of harm through self-neglect or the risk of exploitation.

As Independent Chair, I will raise this SAR with the National Network for SAB Chairs, to push for there to be consideration of the need for legal reform to address the potential gaps in the legal frameworks for individuals at risk of self-neglect.

The progress of the learning from this review, and the impact on safeguarding in Kingston will be set out in the Annual Report for 2025-26.

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