

Brent Safeguarding Adults Board

Response to the Safeguarding Adult Review – Adult B

Today sees the publication of the Brent Safeguarding Adult Review concerning Adult B. This is a distressing case of a woman who should have been safe whilst being looked after in care settings but who has acquired a serious infection probably as a result of sexual abuse.

The Brent Safeguarding Adults Board wishes to express its deep and sincere regret to Adult B and to her family. During the review Adult B has been moved from her previous residence in order to ensure that she is safe and well cared for. Happily Adult B has settled well into her new living environment and she appears well and happy. The Board has obtained reassurance that her healthcare needs are being closely monitored.

Brent Safeguarding Adults board has also monitored how the safety and wellbeing of other residents in Adult B's former care home have been secured and as Independent Chair of the Board I am satisfied that they too have been protected, with their healthcare and their support needs fully met.

An action plan has been agreed by the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board to ensure that all the recommendations in the Safeguarding Adult Review have been implemented and the necessary changes to policy and practice fully embedded. Future meetings of the Brent Safeguarding Adults board will seek reassurance that implementation of the recommendations has resulted in changes to how learning disabled adults in care settings are supported, well cared for and enabled to achieve a meaningful quality of life.

The learning from this Safeguarding Adult Review will be disseminated widely across all organisations within Brent with roles and responsibilities for safeguarding adults in care settings. They will be required to give an account of how they have disseminated the learning within their staff groups and ensured that policy and practice have changed to reflect the recommendations in the review.

Professor Michael Preston-Shoot

Independent Chair

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