



Coventry Local Safeguarding Children Board



## **Coventry Local Safeguarding Boards News**

### ***Learning from a Recent Safeguarding Adults Review***

#### **What is a Safeguarding Adults Review?**

A Safeguarding Adults Review is a multi-agency review conducted by a Local Safeguarding Board. A Safeguarding Adults Review is about learning and improving practice, not apportioning blame to individuals or agencies.

#### **A Brief Summary of the Case (Robert and Stuart)**

Robert had been subject to a series of serious assaults perpetrated by Stuart (for which he was subsequently convicted and is now detained) while they were both resident in a specialist further education college which provided training and education for young adults with a learning disability. The college had not been made aware, neither during the admissions process nor subsequently, of Stuart's previous behaviours which were similar to those of which Robert became the victim, leaving him traumatised – traumas which will continue for some time.

These learning points are being shared with Childrens Services as well, due to implications for Childrens Practitioners and the transitions process.

#### **Learning Points from this Safeguarding Adults Review**

- Where parents or carers suggest that there is a medical condition, such as learning disability or an eating disorder, it is important to ensure that this is not just taken as fact but that efforts are made to evidence this.
- Agencies should consider seeing the individual on their own whether or not there is a diagnosed learning disability.
- Where behaviours are outside the social norm consider that they may be as a result of abuse or neglect rather than the disability being the causal factor.
- Think the unthinkable
- Practitioners should be aware that multi agency planning is now normal practice and young people with disabilities will have Education, Health and Care plans (EHC) which could provide additional relevant information. ADD contact details for EHC
- Where young people have lived in another area then every effort should be made to contact previous authorities for information.
- The experiences that the child and family have had will significantly impact on adult life and are always relevant.
- Don't be afraid to challenge if you don't have the information that you need, go back and chase it. If you still don't get information or good information discuss this with your Line Manager to help decide whether you can still proceed.

To read the full learning brief please use this link: [Learning Brief Robert and Stuart](#)

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