

Statement from Christabel Shawcross, Independent Chair on behalf of Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board (SAPB)

We would like to send our condolences and thoughts to the family of Adult "Matthew" who died in very sad circumstances. The SAPB was in contact with "Matthew's" relative about the SAR and recommendations.

Camden Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board commissioned an independently led Safeguarding Adult Review into the involvement of multi-agency safeguarding concerning the unexpected death in August 2020 of adult 'Matthew'. This happened when there were COVID restrictions generally impacting some support. This Review identified multi-agency lessons to be learnt and made recommendations to improve practice and working together. This includes updating the Camden SAPB "Multi-Agency Cuckooing" guidance. This will help agencies and staff become more aware of cuckooing when individuals may be at risk of coercion, what signs to look out for and the multi-agency safeguarding reporting process.

The SAPB will monitor the implementation of the action plans to assure improvements are achieved with continued learning and collaborative working to try to prevent such a situation from happening again.