

Report to:	London Borough of Camden Safeguarding Adults Board
Date of Meeting:	Weds 7 th May 2025
Report title:	London Borough of Camden Safeguarding Adults Board Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Cover Report “JOE”
Purpose of report:	To present the “JOE” Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) for agreement
Recommendations:	That SAB consider the recommendations in Section 8 of the report.
Lead Officer(s):	Dr Adi Cooper –SAB Independent Chair
Report Author(s):	Alan Critchley, Independent Reviewer

1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of a SAR is to identify lessons to be learned and make improvements to prevent future harm, rather than to apportion blame.

Under Section 44 of The Care Act 2014, Safeguarding Adults Boards, (SABs) have a statutory duty to conduct a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) when an adult in their area:

- 1.1 With care and support needs (whether or not those needs are met by the Local Authority) in the SAB’s area has died as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked together more effectively to protect the adult.
- 1.2 Has experienced serious harm due to abuse or neglect and there is a concern about multi-agency working
- 1.3 The SAB has discretion to undertake a SAR in other situations where it believes that there will be value in doing so.

London Borough of Camden Safeguarding Adults Board’s SAR Subgroup took the decision In January 2024 to commission mandatory Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) under Section 44 of The Care Act 2014 in recognition that the case may provide learning to support improved practice “when an adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect and there are concerns about how agencies worked together to safeguard the individual”

- 1.4 The SAR has been overseen by SAR Panel comprising the independent reviewer and senior leaders representing relevant partners.

- 1.5** The SAR report has been signed off by the SAR Panel as well as the SAB's SAR Subgroup and is presented here for agreement by the SAB.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** It is recommended that the SAB agrees the content, findings and recommendations in the Paul SAR report.
- 2.2** It is recommended that the SAB supports the authors wishes to refer to Joe by his actual name in the SAR report.
- 2.3** It is recommended that the SAB record its thanks to the participating agencies and independent reviewer.
- 2.4** It is recommended that the SAR report is published in full on the SAB's webpage on the Council website later in 2025.
- 2.5** It is recommended that a SAR publication meeting is arranged no later than 2 weeks prior to publication/ post SAB meeting to agree the arrangements for publication.
- 2.6** It is recommended that the SAR report is circulated to SAB partners upon publication, together with a 7-minute briefing, with a request to disseminate the learning widely across each partner agency.
- 2.7** It is recommended that a SAR action plan is developed, and the Implementation Group is tasked to coordinate relevant partners to progress the actions taken in response to the recommendations of the SAR until completion.
- 2.8** It is recommended that the SAR report is made available to the national SAR library to enable wider learning from this review.