

Daniel SAR – Published 9th August 2019

Statement from the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board

West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board has published a safeguarding case review which concludes that an elderly individual, Daniel, was failed by the agencies supporting him. The review sets out the circumstances surrounding the suspected financial abuse of Daniel, by a person known to him and the authorities' response to this alleged abuse. The purpose of the review is to identify lessons to be learnt by all parties involved and to apply those lessons for the future. All members of the board accept the review's findings and recommendations.

Daniel first became known to adult social services in December 2012, after he was admitted to hospital following a fall. He was discharged home with a package of care and support from a woman, Ellen, who referred to herself as his next of kin.

Between 2013 and 2017, concerns were raised by Daniel's care providers and later by Council officers and Daniel's independent advocate, regarding possible financial abuse by Ellen. During this time the correct safeguarding procedures were not followed, and Daniel remained at risk of financial abuse.

Six years after Daniel was first known to adult social care, and five years after the initial safeguarding concerns were raised, Ellen was eventually arrested by the police.

Supported by the Safeguarding Adults Board, all partners will continue to work together to ensure staff receive appropriate training, support and guidance in the management of complex financial abuse cases.

On behalf of the West of Berkshire Safeguarding Adults Board



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