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Safeguarding Adult Review

Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 stipulates that the Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB) has a responsibility to authorise the commissioning of a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR). A review is required to be undertaken if the Board considers that there is significant learning to be gained across partner agencies.

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Background

Greater Manchester Police made referral for a Safeguarding adult review in respect of Demetria. The Panel felt that although the criteria for such a review was not met there was learning identified. Demetria was a young female who was being supported by a number of services.

Safeguarding Concerns

It was believed that Demetria was a very vulnerable woman. She had a long history of being both a victim and a perpetrator of Domestic abuse. She had mental health ill health and is suffering from substance misuse. Demetria is not considered by agencies to lack mental capacity to consent but her lifestyle makes her extremely vulnerable to abuse.

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Implementing Change

- Reflect on the findings and discuss the implications for your service/practice.
- Identify and outline the steps you and your team will take to improve practice in line with the findings and recommendations.

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Recommendations

Develop further the use of the MARM tool to support practitioners who work with clients who are difficult to engage and who do not lack mental capacity.

Further implement multi agency care plans which "wrap around" (Team around the adult) the vulnerable person need to be implemented within Tameside.

Share review with Community Safety Partnership to enhance work challenging perceptions about perpetrators and victims of domestic abuse.

Inform learning so that trauma informed practices can be implemented to help vulnerable adults to address behaviours which compromise their safety and welfare.

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Safeguarding Adult Review Demetria

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The Incident

Demetria was remanded in custody after she caused near fatal injuries to her partner. Concerns were raised about her vulnerability in a custodial setting.

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7 Minute Briefing