

# Briefing Note

## SAR June

Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board are today (22.11.2024) publishing a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) focussed on serious neglect of June.

June, an older white British woman who had a diagnosis of vascular dementia, was cared for by her family at home. Various health and care professionals attended the family home approximately every other month, primarily to provide June's healthcare. No significant concerns were noted in respect of the home conditions or June's presentation, although her dementia was deteriorating. Following an anonymous call in May 2021 alleging concerns in the property, police conducted a welfare check finding very poor home conditions and that June presented as physically neglected. June was visited by Adult Social Care (ASC) the following day who also found poor home conditions and that June was unable to mobilise, was doubly incontinent and had head lice. June was noted to be without the necessary equipment to assist with the various needs brought about by her significant cognitive decline. After being assessed by her GP, who spoke to the family about the fact June required more care, June was taken by ambulance to Royal Liverpool University Hospital (RLUH) for assessment and treatment. After a period in hospital, June was discharged in her best interests to a nursing home. Sadly, June died from aspiration pneumonia in August 2021 while living in the nursing home.

The SAR panel identified focused learning themes for analysis:

- How professionals and agencies can work together to safeguard adults and children.
- The importance of think family and professional curiosity
- How Liverpool Safeguarding Adults and Children's Policies and Procedures support local practice to encourage multi agency engagement
- Recognising the impact of multi-generational families living in one household
- Recognising the needs of families providing informal caring arrangements

A key focus of the review was to identify areas for improved practice including any obstacles or barriers to achieving it, and to highlight areas of good practice.

The Board wishes to record their condolences to the family of June.

The Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board and its partners fully accept the report and its recommendations. The partnership is now working on addressing the recommendations with a multi-agency action plan, which is in place to drive improvements in how professionals work together to improve services offered to adults with the challenging needs identified in this review. A post Safeguarding Adults Review learning event will take place with professionals in Liverpool to explore the key learning from this Review.

Duncan Dooley-Robinson

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Liverpool Safeguarding Adults Board

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