



SAFEGUARDING ADULT REVIEW – JAKE

BACKGROUND

Jake was 20 years old when he took his own life by suicide in May 2018. He was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome as a child and faced the challenges from this on a daily basis. Jake had close family and friends who loved and cared for him. He was attending a local college, had a job as an apprentice with a local company and had been successful in achieving the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Mental health and community services were working with Jake up to the time of his death.

RESPONSE

The decision to undertake a Safeguarding Adult Review was made on 27th July 2018 by the Independent Chair of the City of York Safeguarding Adults Board who following consideration of the case was satisfied that the criteria for a statutory review were met. The final report was completed in October 2019.

The review is published in full on the City of York Safeguarding Adults Board website.

The Board would like to express its condolences to Jake's family and friends and to place on record its sincere thanks to the mother of Jake who worked closely with the Board and the Independent Author providing valuable information and an insight into the life of Jake which has been used in shaping and informing the review.

The Author has made fourteen recommendations in the report which the Board have accepted in full. The recommendations are now being implemented by lead agencies and services involved.

WELL-BEING

The Board considers that publishing the report is an important stage in the process of learning and improvement but also acknowledges that a report into anyone's death is distressing to read and particularly that of a young person who died so tragically.

The Board emphasises that you consider your own well-being when reading the report and asks that you contact support services if you feel that you have been adversely affected and would like to talk to someone.

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