



Domestic Homicide Review

The Merton Community Safety Partnership has published the findings of a Domestic Homicide Review into the death of a 61-year-old woman killed by her husband.

Mrs A was found dead at her home in Merton in February 2015.

The independent report was commissioned by the Merton Community Safety Partnership in line with Home Office guidance which seeks to establish what lessons can be learned where someone has been killed by their current or former partner.

Speaking on behalf of the Merton Safeguarding Adults Board, whom have overseen the completion of recommendations made during this process, Teresa Bell the Independent Chair, said:

“Following the murder of Mrs A in February 2015 and the completion of the Domestic Homicide Review lessons have been learnt and recommendations implemented across the Merton partnership

The death in February 2015 was a tragedy from which service providers have reflected upon working practice, identified improvements which are being implemented and will continue to be developed and improved.

We have used this review period to conduct investigations, learn from emerging issues and take action in response to the recommendations made in the reports published today.

On behalf of the Community Safety Partnership, and Safeguarding Adults Board, we wish to express our sadness at the senseless and tragic death of the victim. We once again offer our condolences to their family and friends.

This report is thorough, independent and probing. It identifies areas where service providers could and should have acted differently, where we fell short of the standards expected and identifies how we should address such failings moving forward.

Service providers have done a great deal to increase the profile and awareness throughout their organisations of domestic abuse. This greater understanding of the issues, danger-signs and need to support victims has been embedded more fully at all levels.”

The full Domestic Homicide report is available via www.merton.gov.uk/domesticviolence