

WIRRAL COUNCIL

**WIRRAL COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
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DOMESTIC HOMICIDE OVERVIEW REPORT

REPORT INTO THE DEATH OF
(*add victim's name/reference*)

Report produced by

Date

Introduction

This report of a domestic homicide review examines agency responses and support given to (*victim's name*), a resident of (*area name*) prior to the point of (*his/her*) death on (*date of death*).

The review will consider agencies contact/involvement with (*insert victim's and perpetrator's name*) from (*indicate date/s/period that the scope of the review will be examining*).

The key purpose for undertaking DHRs is to enable lessons to be learned from homicides where a person is killed as a result of domestic violence. In order for these lessons to be learned as widely and thoroughly as possible, professionals need to be able to understand fully what happened in each homicide, and most importantly, what needs to change in order to reduce the risk of such tragedies happening in the future.

- (• *Summarise the circumstances that led to a review being undertaken in this case.*
- *State the terms of reference of the review and record the methodology used, what documents were used, whether interviews undertaken.*
- *List the contributors to the review and the nature of their contribution.*
- *List the DHR panel members and the author of the overview report.*

Timescales

This review began on (*insert date*) and was concluded on (*insert date*). Reviews, including the overview report, should be completed, where possible, within six months of the commencement of the review.

The Facts

- *Where the victim lived and where the victim was murdered. A synopsis of the murder (what actually happened and how the victim was killed).*
- *Details of the Post Mortem and inquest and/or Coroner's inquiry if already held.*
- *Members of the family and the household. Who else lived at the address and, if children were living there, what their ages were at the time.*
- *How long the victim had been living with the perpetrator(s). If a partner/ex-partner, how long they had been together as a couple.*
- *Who has been charged with the murder and the date of the trial (if known).*
- *A chronology charting contact/involvement with the victim, the perpetrator and their families by agencies, professionals and others who have contributed to the review process. Note the time and date of each occasion when the victim, perpetrator or child(ren) was seen and the views and wishes that were sought or expressed.*
- *An overview that summarises what information was known to the agencies and professionals involved about the victim, the perpetrator and their families.*
- *Any other relevant facts or information.)*

Analysis

(This part of the overview should examine how and why events occurred, information that was shared, the decisions that were made, and the actions that were taken or not taken. It can consider whether different decisions or actions may have led to a different course of events. The analysis section is also where any examples of good practice should be highlighted.)

Conclusions and recommendations

(This part of the report should summarise what lessons are to be drawn from the case and how those lessons should be translated into recommendations for action. Recommendations should include, but not be limited to those made in individual management reports and may include recommendations of national impact. Recommendations should be relatively few in number, focused and specific, and capable of being implemented.)

Confidentiality

The findings of each review are confidential. Information is available only to participating officers/professionals and their line managers.

Dissemination

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