



Domestic Homicide Review

Summary of recommendations

Under s9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

Review into the death of Andrea in 2018

The Safer Buckinghamshire Partnership Board (formerly operating as the Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership) have completed a Domestic Homicide Review into the death of 'Andrea'.

Andrea was killed by a man known to her. The Review accepts that at the time she was killed the perpetrator was suffering from an abnormality of mental functioning, that psychiatrists concluded arose from an acute transient psychotic episode.

Psychiatric evidence indicated that the psychotic episode was likely as a result of a combination of factors, combined with possible underlying vulnerabilities.

The review made a number of recommendations relating to services that had prior involvement with Andrea and the perpetrator. These recommendations and are set out below:

Recommendations

Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (Services now amalgamated and provided by Buckinghamshire Probation Delivery Unit- Probation Service)

That Bucks Probation Delivery Unit continue to deliver home visit training and ensure all front-line staff have received this training by end 2020.

That Bucks Probation Delivery Unit continue to track and monitor home visit completion with the aim of giving assurance that relevant cases are home visited as required by end of 2020.

Ministry of Justice

That the Ministry of Justice reviews the resources available for Building Better Relationships courses in order that domestic abuse perpetrators are able to access the course in a more-timely fashion.

Oxford Health NHS Trust

When domestic abuse is noted at point of assessment, acknowledging the past vulnerability and potential impact on the mental state of the individual, future vulnerabilities and level of ongoing support required should be considered.

Department of Health

That the Department of Health continues to remind primary care, particularly in this case, with the prison establishment of the requirement to co-operate with Domestic Homicide Reviews.

These recommendations will be monitored by the Community Safety Partnership with individual agencies to ensure that actions are completed within the timescales.