

BACKGROUND

The victim was murdered by their partner in July 2022.

This DHR was **not published**, but the learning has been shared across our SET DA Partnership and this briefing document is being shared on our website.

AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Agencies involved in the case included Essex Police, Childrens Social Care, GPs, Probation Service, MARAC, Essex Partnership University Trust (EPUT) and Basildon Council.

REVIEW

A Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) was commissioned in to identify how agencies worked together and to learn from any lessons to improve multiagency responses to domestic abuse.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There were 12 recommendations made in this DHR.

These included

- Essex Police gaining a better understanding of controlling behaviour.
- Essex Police and Probation Service use this review to better manage and mitigate risk.
- Essex MARAC to review processes and protocols on managing risk to third parties in cases.
- Essex Police to review the use of and disclosures made under the DVDS scheme.
- GP practices to exercise more professional curiosity regarding domestic abuse, particularly when dealing with mental health.
- That domestic abuse history and information is used as a way of assessing the risk to missing persons.
- That Essex Police implement the findings of their missing person review following the victim being reported as missing.
- That Basildon Borough Council review the support offered to those suffering domestic abuse.

KEY THEMES

- Identifying and mitigating the risk that the partner posed as a convicted domestic abuse perpetrator.
- The management of the partner as an offender.
- The management of risk to third parties and their children at MARAC.
- Appropriate disclosures made from DVDS applications.
- Professional curiosity by GPs particularly when dealing with mental health.
- The acknowledgement and understanding of domestic abuse when assessing the risk to missing persons.
- Domestic abuse and council tenancy.