

Safeguarding Adult Review - Jeff: Impact statement from Jeff's sister

Peggy, Jeff's sister, contributed to the Safeguarding Adults Review. Jeff's death was and continues to be extremely painful for Peggy and her family, the candid and open insights shared have been very much valued and have helped to shape the learning from this review.

Following discussion of the review findings and recommendations, Peggy was asked if there was anything that she would like agencies involved to hear, below are her thoughts and messages.

"It hasn't been the same since Jeff has gone and I haven't been right since. I haven't felt right since he died, and I believe Jeff's death is my fault."

"I wish I could've kept Jeff at home, but I was struggling to cope, needed help."

"Trevor (Jeff's brother) always talks about Jeff – he keeps items, such as magazines, on Jeff's chair so no one can sit there."

"I understand that COVID had an impact, but I can't understand why I couldn't visit Jeff when he was in the care home. Things wouldn't have been so bad if they had allowed me to visit."

"Jeff lived to go the day centre but things started to go downhill when the pandemic started. I cannot fault the day centre staff – they were marvellous and very supportive."

"I don't want anyone to go through what Jeff went through. I want the SAR to make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else!"

Peggy's words are impactful and highlight the need for agencies to always see the person, listen to and hear both them and those who care for them.

Peggy really wants to see change happen. She has agreed to be part of a working group looking at Person Centred Planning, which is being set up to address one of the SAR recommendations.