Richmond Safeguarding Adults Board

Mr X

Safeguarding Adults Review

Executive Summary

Prepared by the Safeguarding Adults Board

July 2017

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. In June 2015, the Safeguarding Partnership Board (SAB) agreed that the circumstances surrounding Mr X's care and support prior to his death in May 2015, met the criteria for a Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR). The SAR commenced in September 2016.
- 1.2. There was a delay in commencing the SAR until September 2016, as the SAB had been advised by the Borough Police Commander at the time, to await the completion of the Independent Police Complaints' Commission (IPCC) enquiry and Police Professional Standards Review before commencing the SAR. The completion of the SAR was also impacted upon by an Article 2 Inquest at the Royal Courts of Justice which was originally listed for March 2017 and subsequently deferred to September 2017, to enable the SAR to be concluded before the enquiry.
- 1.3. Independent Safeguarding Adults Reviewers were appointed in September 2016 and their independent review report was presented to the SAB in June 2017. The SAR Panel considered in detail, the multiagency involvement with Mr X during the period of 31 May 2015 to 6 June 2015.
- 1.4. This document, which has been prepared by the SAR Sub Group (which had governance oversight of the SAR Panel) summarises the independent SAR panel report. It also presents the SAR Panel's recommendations (Appendix 1) and sets out supplementary commentary and proposed actions.

2. INVOLVED AGENCIES

- 2.1. The following agencies were involved in the SAR Panel contributing to the information considered and to the final SAR Panel report and recommendations:
 - South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust (SWLSG MH Trust) including Springfield Hospital and the Community Mental Health Team (CMHT);
 - St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Accident & Emergency Department;
 - GP Services, NHS Richmond Clinical Commissioning Group;
 - Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust through West Middlesex University Hospital Accident & Emergency Department;
 - London Ambulance Service (LAS);
 - Metropolitan Police Service (MPS);
 - London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Adult Social Care, including Social Work professionals (integrated with SWLSG MH Trust) and Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP) Service;
 - London Borough of Hounslow Home Treatment Team (HTT).
- 2.2. Mr X's mother was contacted and invited to contribute directly to the SAR process. Initially, dialogue between the family and the Lead Reviewers was conducted via the family solicitor and the police Family Liaison Officer. One of the Lead Reviewers met

with Mr X's mother, older sister and brother-in-law once. The family did not wish to discuss the review period in question as this had been covered in Mr X's mother's statement provided for the purpose of the police investigation. Mr X's mother provided the Lead Reviewers with a copy of her statement. The family's wishes were respected. The content and statements made to the Lead Reviewer during her meeting with the family were fully considered as part of the review.

3. REVIEW PROCESS

- 3.1. At the outset of the process the Lead Reviewers planned to use a methodology which involved collating an integrated chronology, identifying key areas for review, meeting with involved practitioners from the identified agencies to understand their actions and to engage with the SAR Panel to consider the findings and use this to inform the final report. As a result of the Coroner's Inquest due to be held at the Royal Courts of Justice, which involved statements from the same core participants, it was not possible to follow this methodology.
- 3.2. Agencies were asked to supply chronologies and Independent Management Reports (IMR's) and these together with reports compiled for other process including IPCC and SWLSTG (MH Trust) Serious Incident (SI) report were used to inform the final report.

4. REVIEW FINDINGS

- 4.1. Changes in Mr X's care from Care Programme Approach (CPA) to standard care in 2011 reduced the level of involvement both Mr X and his mother had with mental health professionals. The relapse he experienced in May 2015 was the first following these changes. During a period of 6 days leading up to Mr X's death, a number of issues appeared to complicate the situation and impacted on his optimal care.
- 4.2. There were numerous delays across a range of agencies which undoubtedly led to Mr X's mental health deteriorating and led to a prolonged period where, although he was being contained, he received no treatment.
- 4.3. These delays were due in part to a lack of resources, including available 'Section 136 beds', 'Section 12' doctors¹ and Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMPHs) at significant times when they were required by Mr X.
- 4.4. Delays were compounded by the design of the service arrangements at the time and the lack of accuracy and timeliness of communication between different components of the mental health services and between agencies.
- 4.5. The death of Mr X could not have been predicted by the professionals working with Mr. X and his mother.

¹ Section 12 and Section 136 refers to the Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA)

5. FULL LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET OUT IN INDEPENDENT SAR PANEL REPORT

- 5.1 The recommendations set out below in paragraph 5.3 below are taken exactly as worded from the full SAR Panel Report. These have been extensively discussed in relation to their focus, intention and achievability. The Composite Action Plan (Appendix 1) provides a multi-agency response via the SAR Sub Group as to the intended way to address the recommendations. The Composite Action Plan will be both dynamic and the key reference document through which the SAB will ensure oversight and assurance of the required actions.
- 5.2 The SAB will require subsequent progress reporting on the Composite Action Plan. The SAR Sub Group, acting on behalf of the SAB, will have oversight of this Composite Action Plan and will seek regular updates from partners on the implementation of the actions in order to provide that assurance. The SAR Sub Group will regularly update the SAB.
- 5.3 The Recommendations are as follows:

> Recommendation 1:

SWLSTG (MH Trust) to ensure that all patients with histories of violence during relapses, receive coordinated care, support and monitoring on a monthly basis to enhance relationship building.

> Recommendation 2:

Mental Health Service Care Coordinators to ensure all care plans are holistic and dynamic in nature, and interface with partner agency plans, taking account of the patients support network needs including their Carer's assessments the support required, any children who may need support, and partner agency involvement. Care plans must demonstrate consent to share information with Carers has been sought and, provision for if the patient becomes unwell and their judgement is impaired, has been discussed. The decision regarding consent must be regularly revisited and documented in both the care plan and the crisis plan; arrangements for this to be shared with relevant professionals in times of crisis must be demonstrated. Where consent is not obtained, an advance statement should be requested.

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Assessment tools used by Medical and Psychiatric staff in A&E and PICU to be reviewed, to ensure they include the need to demonstrate that all aspects of both mental and physical health in patients with mental health issues, in receipt of acute or emergency care, have been assessed. Guidance on the use of the tool must direct the assessor to record reasons for any none completion of part of the assessment tool.

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LAS to devise a risk assessment tool, to be completed on all occasions that Police presence is requested; that prompts the assessor to note all areas of risk. The outcome of this risk assessment is to be shared with the Police prior to the Police Grading a call.

> Recommendation 5:

The scope of the out-of-hours Home Treatment Team Service review to be revisited to ensure the review is focused on the outcome and experience for patients whilst considering the co-ordination of its' services, its' recording systems and practice, and its onward referral process.

> Recommendation 6:

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The Police to review its information sharing protocols, devise and introduce a form to be completed in situations where they are transferring the care of a person detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act to a health facility.

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APPENDIX 1: MR X COMPOSITE ACTION PLAN

Including a commentary for each recommendation and implementation proposals



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SUB GROUP CLARIFICATION AND COMMENTARY	PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION	ASSIGNED LEAD AGENCY AND	TARGET DATE
		LEAD OFFICER	
Many issues highlighted have already been reported as	SWLSTG (MH Trust) to review their policy and check that	Safeguarding	October
addressed by SWLSTG (MH Trust) in recommendations	it is in alignment with the NICE guidance on Schizophrenia	Lead - SWLSTG	2017
arising from their Root Cause Analysis report. These include	management in relation to situation where "violence	(MH Trust)	
clarification around criteria for assessment and informal	during illness is known".		
hospitalisation as well as increasing the number of care			
coordinators to monitor severely mentally ill patients. The	SWLSTG (MH Trust) will undertake robust care planning		
recommendations do not however include a requirement for	and risk management on a minimum of a monthly basis		
all patients where "violence during illness is known" as	to enhance relationship building		
contained in NICE guidelines.	_		

RECOMMENDATION 2:

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Contingency and crisis planning should be a usual practice in care planning; it did not work well in this case. The issue of consent is critical and it is unclear whether consent was sought from Mr. X to share the details of his support plan with his mother. It is probable, given the significant role his mother played in supporting Mr. X, that he would have consented to sharing information if asked.	It is recommended that SWLSTG (MH Trust) review the process of developing and documenting care plans to ensure crisis management arrangements are routinely included in the care plan, discussed with the service user and their support network so any worker knows what to do should a crisis situation emerge.	Safeguarding Lead - SWLSTG (MH Trust)	November 2017
The division of work between agencies for the completion of the Carer's Assessment and the care plan review impacted on the documentation in this case and possibly also the level of support offered to Mr. X and his mother. There is a need to reinforce the importance of joint working and information sharing both between agencies and with service users and their Carers, within the context of explicit consent.	Also, to ensure that the issue of consent to share information is fully explored with the service user during the care planning process and this is clearly documented and recorded. Where it is likely that they may become unwell and will not have capacity to consent, consideration should be given to an Advanced Directive which enables decisions about how contact with their carer is made and ensures this is in line with their best wishes. Where a service user declines to share information with carers, the Trust (and any other organisation) should ensure that the carer is supported and their concerns are heard.	Safeguarding Lead - SWLSTG (MH Trust)	November 2017

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The Council to review the process of undertaking Carer's	Head of	November
	Safeguarding and	2017
and information sharing between the different agencies,	Quality Standards	
especially those undertaking any part of the assessment and	Richmond and	
the agency reviewing the service user care plan but to	Wandsworth	
ensure this is undertaken in the context of explicit or implied consent.	Councils	
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assistance from the police when responding to Mr. X's mother's call to convey him to hospital. It appears when the police requested clarification that this was not		Metropolitan Police (MPS) London Ambulance Service	ASAP but no later than March 2018

RECOMMENDATION 5:

The scope of the out-of-hours Home Treatment Team Service review to be revisited to ensure the review is focused on the outcome and experience for patients whilst considering the co-ordination of its' services, its' recording systems and practice, and its onward referral process.

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The Hounslow Home Treatment Team (HTT) was	The Hounslow Home Treatment Team to review its	Service Manager	December
responsible for providing an out of hours' service for	escalation procedures and offer assurance that there are	- West London	2017
people with mental health issues between 17:00 and	sufficient resources available to cover peaks in demand.	Mental Health	
09:00 each day, to the locality in question. The decision	This to include discussions with the CCG about the	Trust	
of the HTT to request that Mr. X's referral was made to the	commissioning arrangements for this service provision.		
oncoming day service created a significant delay for Mr. X.		Safeguarding	
It appears this was due to the person being busy on		Lead -	
another assessment and not able to assess Mr. X. There		Hounslow Home	
should be an escalation procedure for the duty worker to		Treatment Team	
get support from a colleague when simultaneous			
involvement is required in 2 cases.			

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	This is covered by the proposed implementation responses under recommendation 3		

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There was a lack of availability in an AMPH; Section 12	Richmond and Kingston CCG through their partnership with	Director of	December	
doctor and Section 136 beds which impacted on the level	Wandsworth and Merton CCG, are undertaking a review of	Quality &	2017	
of service Mr. X received at a heighted time of crisis.	AMPHs, Section 12 doctors and Section 136 beds and will	Governance		
Mental health assessments cannot be undertaken unless	report back to the SAB on their findings. As AMHPs services	NHS Wandsworth		
and AMPH and Section 12 doctor are available at the same	are delivered by the local authority, the Council should be	& Merton CCG's		
time, as required in law.	involved in this review.			
		Director of Adult	December	
		Social Services –	2017	
		Richmond and		
		Wandsworth		
		Councils		
	The CCG with the full support of SWLSTG (MH TRUST) and	Director of	December	
	the general acute hospitals to review the pathway for	Quality and	2017	
	patients entering A&E with mental health issues to ensure	Governance		
	smooth and timely navigation through the services to	Richmond and		
	treatment is achievable.	Kingston CCG		

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Although much of the communication was appropriate in this case, there were instances where it was hampered by miscommunication, misinterpretations, lack of accuracy and a lack of follow through.	especially from SWL&SG MH Trust, St George's Hospital,	SAB Board Coordinator - Richmond and Wandsworth Councils	Sept 2017

RECOMMENDATION 9:

The SAB to hold a practitioner's event, following JP's inquest, to explore the themes arising from this SAR and review any additional learning.

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It is recognised that this was the preferred methodology of the Lead Reviewers as part of the SAR Panel process, but they were prevented from undertaking this given that many of the staff were already 'warned' as witnesses as part of the Coroner's Inquest. Given the would have been unable to fully be involved, this approach did not progress, so a learning event, under the stewardship of the SAB is appropriate	The SAB will look to hold a practitioner's event as soon as is practical, following JP's inquest, to explore the themes arising from this SAR and review any additional learning. The SAB will also look to produce a simple 'practitioners' briefing' for each and every SAR that is undertaken	Safeguarding Manager - Richmond and Wandsworth Councils	February 2018

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The situation with Mr. X on admission to the S136 suite	SWLSTG (MH Trust) to advise the SAB of the details of the	Safeguarding	Sept
was a dynamic and changing one. It is evident that the	learning event, when it has been undertaken and what the	Lead –	2017
staff did not always adjust their actions to suit changes in	outcomes for staff practice are/will be and how they will be	SWLSTG (MH	
the situation and as a consequence followed incorrect	measured in practice.	Trust)	
procedures. There was an interface between two policies			
(Rapid Tranquilisation and the Seclusion Policy) which			
created a professional complexity and confusing situation.			
SWLSTG (MH Trust) has identified that it will be holding a			
learning event on restrictive practices.			

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	This is covered in Recommendation 11 detailed above.		

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A Serious Case Review was undertaken in 2012 and the findings were presented to the SAB in March 2013. During 2013/14 and again in 2015/16 the SAB checked that agreed actions had been completed. All organisations involved provided assurance they had with the exception of SWL&SG. On checking past records this assurance remains outstanding		Chief Executive- SWLSTG (MH Trust)	Sept 2017

RECOMMENDATION 13:

The SAB to seek assurance through regular progress reports from partners that they are effectively addressing the resource issues raised in this SAR.

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There is clear evidence that resource issues impacted in part to delays Mr. X experienced over this period. This issue is covered in Final Recommendation 7.	It is prudent that not only resource issues, but all agencies adopting a review of service arrangements ensure that they have learnt from the issue of Mr X's case and they reflect this in their annual SAB Self-Assessment process. The SAB Chair uses the face to face sessions to seek assurance in this regard as well	All SAB Partners	March 2018

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This recommendation came from a specific issue with the medical aspects of the handover from police custody to [health professionals]. In-custody lead for health assessment is the Force Medical Examiner (FME), a qualified doctor. The custody suite is managed by a police inspector.	the Metropolitan Detention, Territorial Policing – Mental	Metropolitan	March
	Health and SCO22 Public Order (Officer Safety Unit). A	Police (MPS)	2018

RECOMMENDATION 15:

Chelsea and Westminster Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to explore further the underlying factors for the lack of documentation with the professionals involved and produce an appropriate action plan.

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	The review highlighted variable standards of record keeping across agencies. Documentation in A and E departments can be challenging. This issue is covered off in the proposed implementation in Recommendation 3.		

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Multi-agency working and the delivery of services to Mr. X	SWLSTG (MH Trust) to ensure that mental health	Safeguarding	October
during his relapse were not effective. There was evidence	practitioners who have contact with a person in a non-	Lead	2017
of good practice but a lack of overall co-ordination and	mental health setting, advocate for and ensure that the plan	SWLSTG (MH	
support to Mr. X and his mother. It is noted that SWLSTG	for addressing mental health concerns through an agreed	Trust)	
(MH Trust) have introduced an acute care coordination	plan is put in place and is known to others who become		
centre which manages all request for inpatient services	involved in their care. The plan will make it clear who is		
and could address some of the delays Mr. X experienced.	responsible for each part.		
The issue of developing good crisis plans is outlined in			
proposed implementation of Recommendation 2 above.	The SAB recommends that SWLSTG (MH Trust) report back	Safeguarding	December
	to the SAB on the impact of the acute care co-ordination	Lead	2017
It will not be possible for a mental health practitioner to	centre.	SWLSTG (MH	
take full responsibility if they are not present when the		Trust)	
patient has contact with other organisations (i.e. an acute			
hospital). At all times they can advise and ensure the plan			
is known, but ensuring that prescribed medication, for			
example, is administered is difficult if it is a non-mental			
health prescriber who is administering it.			