

Recommendations implemented after safeguarding review

Safer Northumberland Partnership vice chair Paul Hedley said: “First and foremost our thoughts remain with Jane’s family and friends following her death in January 2019.

“The decision to undertake a multi-agency review following her death was based on the events prior to Jane taking her own life.

“The report does highlight areas of good practice by numerous agencies, particularly around responses to the issues presented and referrals to further assessment and support.

“It also found there are areas of practice where lessons could be learned in order to improve services.

“These include the need to consider charges that may be pursued against alleged perpetrators in relation to coercive control and the importance of considering the emotional impact of such abuse upon a victim, particularly when combined with mental health concerns.

“The review made ten recommendations – both for individual agencies and more generally. All these have been accepted and are now being progressed.”

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