



# **Northumberland**

## **Strategic Safeguarding Partnership**

### **Recommendations implemented after safeguarding review**

Independent Chair of the Northumberland Strategic Safeguarding Children Partnership, Paula Mead said: “This review focused on the care and events leading up to the death of 'Fiona' in May 2020.

“This was a tragic loss of a young woman’s life, and our thoughts remain with her family.

“One of the findings of this review stands out, which states that ‘the harm suffered occurred not because of, but in spite of all the work that professionals were doing to support and protect’.

"Numerous agencies worked to support and care for Fiona, and the review found considerable evidence of good practice in this case from all agencies, including the level of time spent and commitment to Fiona and to partnership working.

“However, we must also focus on where improvements can be made in the future.

“The review made seven recommendations. These include reviewing the self-harm pathways for young people with a view to integrating processes and ensuring that all practitioners who work with children with mental illness have sufficient knowledge relevant to their role and the right access to mental health specialists.

“All these recommendations have been accepted and are now being progressed.”

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