

Chloe – DHR – Summary, Key Issues and Recommendations

This Domestic Homicide Review examined the death of Chloe, aged 35, who was murdered by her partner Keith in February 2025. Keith subsequently died by suicide. The review found no previous formal reports of domestic abuse between the couple; however, evidence from family, neighbours and agency records identified a pattern of controlling and coercive behaviour. Chloe was described as vulnerable, trusting and potentially neurodiverse, while Keith had a significant history of childhood trauma, mental health difficulties, anger issues and exposure to domestic abuse.

Key Issues

- Controlling and coercive behaviour was not recognised by services despite family concerns and behavioural indicators.
- Missed opportunities for professional curiosity regarding abuse, trauma and vulnerability.
- Limited information sharing between services.
- Delays in ADHD assessment and ongoing mental health needs.
- Learning identified around police information gathering and risk assessment.
- Keith's adverse childhood experiences and mental health history were significant risk factors.

Recommendations

1. Strengthen DA enquiry within primary care.
2. Follow up missed mental health appointments.
3. Update GP DA support information.
4. Improve police systems checks and risk assessment.
5. Expedite circulation of suspects wanted for serious offences.
6. Improve information sharing between health providers.
7. Review access to 24/7 mental health assessments.
8. Consider protected characteristics within DA risk assessments.