

ROBERT

Case Summary

- Robert was a 64 year old male, murdered in May 2020.

Relatively unknown to services

- Police found Robert unconscious and not breathing in his flat, he had been subjected to a brutal and sustained attack and had suffered catastrophic head injuries.
- Two offenders were convicted in relation to Robert's death; his wife aged 47 years and another male aged 34 years.

Key Themes

- Two offenders, one was the wife of the victim.
- Victim was the registered carer for his wife.
- Wife had entered intimate relationship with second perp.
 - Mental health, drugs and alcohol a factor.
- Second offender previous criminal convictions, he was homeless and was 'sofa surfing' staying at victims h/a.

Purpose of Domestic Homicide Review (DHR)

- DHR commissioned to examine agency responses and support given prior to his death.
- Also, examine the past to identify background or potential abuse before the homicide.

Agency Involvement

- NHS Cambs and P'boro NHS Trust.
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
 - Cambs & P'boro CCG

Link to DHR - <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/asset-library/domestic-homicide-report-robert.pdf>

RECOMMENDATIONS

Improved recording of discussions or interventions during medical appointments.

All patients at GP practices or at specialist services should be seen at least once alone where practicable.

Review of services to male victims of domestic abuse. Increase public awareness of domestic abuse.

All agencies involved in safeguarding vulnerable people should have a standalone policy detailing how that organisation deals with domestic abuse.