

A joint domestic homicide, children serious case and MAPPA (multi agency Public Protection arrangement) review has been published by Birmingham Community Safety Partnership today (5th October 2018).

The joint review considers the circumstances surrounding the death of a woman and her child, both killed by her former partner. The review seeks to inform organisations and practitioners to help minimise such deaths in the future.

Earlier this year a range of organisations in Birmingham re-affirmed their commitment to tackling domestic violence and abuse by launching a city-wide domestic violence and abuse strategy. ***Birmingham Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018-2023 Changing Attitudes Changing Lives.***

The joint review and the domestic abuse prevention strategy are available for download here:
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20018/adult_social_care_and_health

Danny Long, Vice-chair of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, said:

“First and foremost, my thoughts go out to the surviving family members in this tragic case. I hope the launch of the domestic abuse prevention strategy demonstrates Birmingham’s commitment to leading major change in the response of agencies towards safeguarding adults and children from domestic violence.

“Help is out there for anyone who is experiencing domestic violence and abuse. I’d urge anyone with concerns, including friends and family, to contact the police or domestic violence services as soon as they can. As a partnership we can offer specialist advice, support and guidance so that victims can safely break free from abusive relationships.”

For help and advice regarding domestic violence and abuse contact:

- Birmingham & Solihull Women’s Aid Freephone Helpline: 0808 800 0028
- National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- A full list of support services can be found on the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership website <http://birminghamcsp.org.uk/our-work/domestic-violence/domestic-violence-support-services.php>

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About domestic homicide reviews: Since 2011, Community Safety Partnerships have been required to undertake domestic homicide reviews in circumstances where the death of a person occurs, or is thought to occur, as a result of violence, abuse or neglect from a family member or a member of the same household.

The purpose of a domestic homicide review is to establish what lessons are to be learned regarding the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims and to prevent domestic homicide in the future. The aim of publishing the reviews is to restore public confidence and improve transparency of the processes in place across all agencies to protect victims.

About Birmingham Community Safety Partnership: The BCSP is a joint partnership between Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service and other agencies that work together to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour that affects our communities.