

Independent Inquiry into Care and Treatment of MJM and EF

Terms of Reference

NHS East Midlands have commissioned an external independent inquiry into the care and treatment of MJM (perpetrator) and EF (victim) both services users who had been receiving services from the Drug and Alcohol Team of Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. The homicide occurred in January 2005.

The Terms of Reference are:

1. To examine the provision of care and treatment, including risk assessment and risk management of patients EF and MJM
2. To provide a chronology of the events leading up to the incident;
3. To identify any care or service delivery failures along with the factors that contributed to these problems;
4. To examine whether the protection of vulnerable adults policy was relevant in relation to EF and if so whether it was adhered to.
5. To examine if the Trust followed Trust clinical risk reporting and handling procedures including the carrying out of an initial management review (within 72hrs) and an internal investigation as outlined in the NHS guidance HSG (94) 27 addendum
6. To examine the adequacy of collaboration and communication within the Trust between directorates and services teams involved in the care and treatment of MJM and EF
7. To examine the adequacy of collaboration and communication with external agencies who may have been involved in the care and treatment of MJM and EF.
8. To identify root causes from the investigation, identifying the lessons to be learned to inform the development of recommendations and an action plan
9. To make clear, sustainable recommendations for the local health and social care community enabling the lessons to be learned
10. To provide a publishable report to the NHS East Midlands in a timely manner which is anonymised so victim, perpetrator and staff interviewed are not identifiable. The NHS East Midlands will disseminate this report to the wider NHS to enable the lessons to be learned.

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