

## Media release

### **Review into death of 'kind, loving and devoted mother' published**

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The findings of an independent Domestic Homicide Review into the death of a 41-year-old woman, who for the purposes of this review is known as Adult A, have been published by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership today (Monday 30 June, 2025).

Adult A, a mother-of-three, was fatally stabbed 38 times by her husband, the perpetrator, at her home in Wolverhampton in September 2021. Two of her children witnessed the attack.

Her husband took his own life by asphyxiation in his prison cell in January 2022, whilst detained and awaiting trial.

The family were members of the Sikh and Punjabi community and were known to support services.

In accordance with statutory requirements, a Domestic Homicide Review was commissioned by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to identify what could be learned from the circumstances leading to Adult A's death.

The review found that Adult A and the children were subjected to chronic domestic abuse consisting of psychological abuse, coercive control, emotional and physical harm by the perpetrator, for many years, a great deal of which was unidentified by agencies and professionals that had contact with the family.

The abuse she suffered resulted in the undermining of her self-confidence and the ability to act independently, and being labelled by her husband as having mental health difficulties as a means of undermining her credibility.

Agencies which contributed to the review have identified a series of recommendations for themselves, while the review made seven further recommendations to the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership to improve local practice.

David Pattison Chief Operating Officer for City of Wolverhampton Council and Deputy Chair of the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership, said: "This was a tragic case in which a kind, loving and devoted mother who always saw goodness in other people was tragically killed by her abusive and controlling husband.

"Adult A's death has deeply affected her family and this has been compounded by the fact there was to be no criminal trial and therefore no justice.

"On behalf of Safer Wolverhampton Partnership, I would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of the victim and say thank you to the three generations of her family for their valuable contributions to the review.

"The agencies involved with the victim and her family in the years before her death have carefully analysed their actions to determine what could have been done differently, and the review makes a number of strategic recommendations which the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership is acting upon to further improve the support available in Wolverhampton to victims of domestic abuse and their families."

The Domestic Homicide Review was conducted under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

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