

7th August 2014

Statement

Re: Leighann Wightman - Domestic Homicide Review

Chair of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership, Ruth Hyde said:

“Following the tragic death of Leighann Wightman, South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership commissioned a Domestic Homicide Review, at the request of Nottinghamshire Police.

The review does not look to apportion blame but seeks to identify any lessons that can be learned following such tragic circumstances.

The panel was independently chaired, and carried out a full review of agency contact and involvement with Leighann during the period of time leading up to her death. The panel identified that the family was known to several agencies*1 who had been working with the family over a number of years.

The review panel identified some areas where lessons could be learned. These include, improving the sharing of information between agencies and ensuring the timeliness of appropriate interventions by agencies.

Findings from the review led to recommendations for agencies, which have already been implemented.*2

I would like to thank Leighann’s family for their support in the carrying out of this review and once again pass on our condolences at this very sad time.”

The Home Office has approved the Domestic Homicide Review for publication. It is available on the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership website at www.sncsp.gov.uk

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Please note:

This statement has been sent out on behalf of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership by Gedling Borough Council's Communications Team.

Notes to editors

*1 Agencies include Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Probation and Nottinghamshire County Council as detailed in the report.

*2 Details of the recommendations are contained within the report.

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