

Are you **Professionally Curious?**

On 26 May 2013, Georgia Williams was murdered by Jamie Reynolds. He had been known to multiple agencies since the age of 17. A subsequent review was undertaken. Learning was identified from the MAPPA Discretionary Serious Case Review and Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board (TWSCB) Phase 2 learning review.

What went wrong?

- Multi-agency working was limited
- Relevant procedures not followed including escalation procedures
- Multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) process and management of risk was not understood and followed through
- Incidents were treated in isolation
- Over-reliance on self reporting by perpetrator
- The support of victims was not considered and information shared
- Lack of challenge and management oversight

What have we done so far?

- Multi-agency risk strategy meetings attended by all the right people
- Information sharing protocol and procedures updated
- Single and Inter-agency training reviewed updated (including MAPPA)
- Implementation of the Multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH)
- Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence (DASH) risk assessment now included on crime reports
- All needs are considered and addressed as part of managing both risk and providing support for victims and perpetrators
- Regular auditing of case supervision and recording (single and multi-agency)
- Local review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Multi-agency children harming children pathway in development
- TWSCB has been involved with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children/ Research in Practice (NSPCC/RIP) project to develop a strategic framework for dealing with harmful sexual behaviour between children

What should YOU be doing?

- Gather, share and record information
- Don't take a snapshot, be inquisitive and professionally curious
- Get the whole picture including the family history, to inform assessments and decision making
- Challenge and escalate where appropriate
- Think the unthinkable

