

## **Assurance Statement -**

**An independent external quality assurance review following a serious investigation and safeguarding adults board investigation into the care and treatment of a mental health service user (Mr M) in Sussex.**

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This independent investigation was completed by Niche Health and Social Care Consulting on behalf of NHS England (Homicide Investigations).

### **The Serious Incident:**

Mr M was a 74 year old man with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease under the care of West Sussex Dementia services who had been admitted to East Surrey Hospital and discharged to a Nursing Home in Surrey. On the 24 Nov 2013 he had been found in a fellow patient's room with blood on his fists. The fellow patient died of serious head injury 4 days later. In November 2013 the MAS team were alerted that MH had been admitted to a private unit for older gentleman who had risks of physical aggression.

### **Findings from the External Quality Assurance Review**

The external quality assurance review examined the evidence to support the implementation of the three recommendations from the serious incident review and 2 of the recommendations pertinent to Sussex Partnership from the Surrey Adults Safeguarding Review.

The external review graded the implementation of Sussex Partnerships recommendations following the SI investigation as A with this scoring indicating 'evidence of completeness, embeddedness and impact'. The grading for the implementation of the 2 recommendations from the Surrey Adults Safeguarding Board which were pertinent to Sussex Partnership were graded as B 'Evidence of completeness and embeddedness'.

The Trust would like to thank Niche and NHSE for the scrutiny of this serious incident and we will utilise this learning to continue to improve care in the future.