

Adult BD was a 35-year-old man who lived alone and who had a long history of diabetes who had a below knee amputation, and toe amputation on his other foot. He also had a chronic kidney condition requiring dialysis and suffered from mental health issues/suicidal ideation. Concerns had been raised by District Nursing Services that Adult BD was not managing his diabetes and there were questions around who had oversight of his dialysis (he had not had any for 10 days) and management of his insulin needs, given the presenting issues around self-neglect.

Adult BD had several medical needs and there is no evidence of a support package being put in place on discharge from hospital. His care was predominantly managed by his father and brother and there were concerns around his apparent lack of finances to pay for utilities and food.

Adult BD expressed a desire to move to Sunderland to a property that better suited his needs, but this never occurred, and he found himself increasingly isolated. This affected his mental health and wellbeing to such an extent that he had expressed suicidal ideation.

Between 2020-2023 Adult BD had numerous admissions to hospitals and on occasion self-discharged against medical advice.

meeting could be arranged, he booked himself into a bed and breakfast where tragically he was found deceased in his room.

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Themes of the Case

- Professional Curiosity
- Information sharing and missed opportunities for multi-agency working and holistic approach to decreasing risk
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