

# Jasmin

## Case Summary

Jasmin and Simon started their relationship in 2014. In 2018, Simon called an ambulance for Jasmin as he believed she was having heart attack. Paramedics noticed bruises on her neck but didn't contact police. Later, a doctor suspected strangulation, leading to Simon's arrest for attempted murder. Sadly, Jasmin passed away due to her severe injuries. The relationship between the couple was described by Jasmin's sister as 'quite controlling'. Jasmin relied on Simon to take her to appointments and often times, Simon would let her down at the last minute. Jasmin had a history of alcohol use and when she was trying to quit, and had been abstinent for a lengthy time, Simon would encourage her to have an alcoholic drink and then use this against her.

## Key theme - Alcohol Misuse

- - Alcohol misuse can be used by a perpetrator to control their victim.
- - Alcohol doesn't directly cause domestic abuse but can worsen the impact.
- -- Victims with alcohol issues may be unfairly blamed for the abuse they are subjected to.
- - In a study of 39 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), 69% showed an element of alcohol-related harm.
- Access to the appropriate support is vital, accessing services can be challenging for those relying on a controlling partner to access such support.

The purpose of Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) is to give an accurate as possible account of what originally transpired in an agency's response to Jasmin, to evaluate it fairly, and if necessary to identify any improvements for future practice.

Link to DHR -

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-safety/community-safety-partnership/dhr-jasmin/>

## Agency Involvement

- GP
- Alcohol Treatment Services

## Recommendations -

### GP practise

- Run reports on patients who miss more than 3 appointments in 3 months and assess vulnerabilities
- Follow up persistent non-attenders vulnerable or at-risk patients by phone calls
- Clinicians directly book vulnerable patients at the end of their appointments.
- Provide domestic abuse training for the entire GP practice.

### Inclusion -

- Update Inclusion's domestic abuse policy to encompass coercion and control

### The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Board -

Review training on self-neglect to include individuals with complex needs, such as alcohol and drug misuse

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Strategic Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board -

Update the Violence against Women and Girls Strategic needs assessment to address issues related to alcohol and drug dependence

### South Cambridgeshire District Council

Publish and share the Home-Link scheme and lettings policy with partner agencies