



Domestic Abuse, Suicide and Complex Family Dynamics

D11 · Domestic abuse-related death review learning

EVIDENCE

A completed review demonstrated how domestic abuse, emotional distress and family expectations may interact, while important information remains separated across professional contacts.

LEARNING FOR PRACTICE

- 01 Suicide risk assessment should consider abuse, coercion, relationship loss and cultural or family pressures.
- 02 Professionals should avoid making assumptions about supportive or apparently stable family networks.
- 03 Information from different services should be combined to understand cumulative vulnerability.
- 04 Culturally informed practice should remain person-centred and avoid stereotyping.

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS

- What relational pressures are affecting the person?
- Are family assumptions being tested respectfully?
- What becomes visible when information is combined?
- Is the response culturally informed without stereotyping?

PRACTICE ACTIONS

Explore relational context.

Connect fragmented information.

Use culturally humble practice.

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