

**DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW**

**TILLYER & STRIDE**

**27 AUGUST 2009**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A domestic homicide review was commissioned by the West Berkshire Safer Communities Partnership (WBSCP) in response to the deaths of Rosina Tillyer and Malcolm Stride, (formerly of 19 Kennet Place, Burghfield Common, Berkshire) , in August 2009.

This review followed the draft guidance issued by the Home Office in 2006 for domestic homicide reviews under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

The purpose of the Review is to establish the facts that led to the deaths in August 2009 and identify any lessons to be learned for the case about the way in which local professionals and agencies worked together to safeguard the individuals.

Thames Valley Police, West Berkshire Council and NHS Berkshire West each carried out Internal Management Reviews which involved analysis of any contact with Rosina Tillyer or Malcolm Stride in the previous calendar year prior to their deaths.

The next of kin were invited to be involved in the review however they declined.

The post-mortem findings were that cause of death of Rosina TILLYER was head injury and the cause of death of Malcolm STRIDE was inhalation of fire fumes.

The inquest was held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and the findings were that Rosina Tillyer was unlawfully killed and Malcolm Stride took his own life.

The Thames Valley Police Major Crime enquiry team have contacted a large number of the couple's friends, neighbours, work colleagues, associates and medical professionals, but no possible motive for their deaths has become apparent.

Thames Valley Police have not found any record or history of domestic violence regarding the couple; there have not been any reports to police of harassment, assault, threats or any other kind of domestic violence.

West Berkshire Council have found no evidence or reason why the Council should have had any contact with either individual which could have led to any part of the

Council being concerned that either individual's health or life was at risk. No reports to the Council of harassment, assault, threats or any other kind of domestic violence were made.

The Review by NHS Berkshire West has identified that there was limited involvement with both Rosina Tillyer and Malcolm Stride and that there was no evidence of risk factors which could have been further explored and potentially communicated to partners, therefore providing an opportunity to predict or prevent their deaths.

In summary it would appear that there are no lessons to be learned that have been identified through the Internal Management Reviews by Thames Valley Police, West Berkshire Council and NHS Berkshire West.