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Brent Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC)

Brent Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference provides the opportunity for agencies to come together to support vulnerable individuals who are at risk living in Brent. We are able to coordinate a safety plan with interventions to improve safeguards and reduce the risk of re-victimisation. We also help to enhance the services currently available through joint case and risk management.

The housing officer referred Mr Jones to Community MARAC after they received complaints from neighbours of individuals forcing entry into the flats to access his property. Following a home visit it was believed that Mr Jones was being exploited, suffering from self-neglect and there were concerns for his mental health. The Housing officer reported there were issues with his engagement, as he feared repercussions from those targeting him and some nuisance behaviour on his part to his neighbours, because of his money being taken from him, which led to him asking neighbours for money and food.

The Met Police and Anti-Social Behaviour officers worked together to address a wider community and neighbourhood problem, where the individuals were identified and were dealt with using policing power and tools for other drug related offences, which meant that the alleged exploitation ceased.

Following further assessments with Adult Social Care and through discussions at the Community MARAC, It was established that Mr Jones also had a diagnosis of paranoid schizophrenia and was unable to care for himself, living with his property in a very poor state. There were also significant concerns around his hygiene and vulnerability. Partners did not want to remove Mr Jones from his property into supported accommodation, as he had lived at the property for a number of years and he wanted to remain with help, therefore partners wanted to do what they could to ensure he could remain at that property.

It was not possible to start a care plan within the property in the state it was in, therefore working together partners arranged for all damage to the property (some broken windows)

to be repaired, and for Mr Jones to be moved to temporary accommodation whilst a deep clean of the property also took place. The care plan was then started, and continued with him when he returned to his property. His mental health was addressed and carers were identified to give ongoing support and to report any safeguarding concerns and any individuals they came across who they did not believe should be in the property and may be taking advantage of Mr Jones, so that these concerns could be promptly addressed.

It was agreed that partners would continue to work together to monitor and review the situation. If it became clear that he needed to be moved to supported accommodation in the future, they would work together with him to explore all the options available.

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