

Impact Statement for SAR from Clive's family

There are no words to describe the impact of waiting for over 30 years for the abuse that devastated both Clive's life and ours to finally receive proper scrutiny in this Safeguarding Adults Review. Perhaps the only way you may come close to understanding is by stepping into our world for a time and thinking about what it would have been like for you if this was what happened to your son or brother. How would you feel if you became aware that a sexual predator was grooming and abusing your loved one and that no one with a duty to keep them safe had acted to do so? We can never forgive those who failed to protect Clive. It didn't just destroy Clive's life but all of our lives too.

The SAR sets out, the utter failure of the services responsible to protect Clive from harm. And as bad as that is in itself, was the failure to protect others who were present at the time, people who may not even have family to protect them. Even now, no one knows if or how many other people may have suffered harm in the way Clive did.

Our family has carried the responsibility of exposing what happened to Clive and others across all these years. It has been an unbearable burden but we fought on because what happened to Clive matters. Now we pass that responsibility back to all those who have a duty to safeguard people like him. The abuse Clive experienced completely changed the course of his life. Please let his story change yours and take action to stop others from coming to such harm in the future. For us, his family, we have to continue living without Clive and the endless possibilities of what life would have held for him and us.

Elaine, Pauline and Michael.