

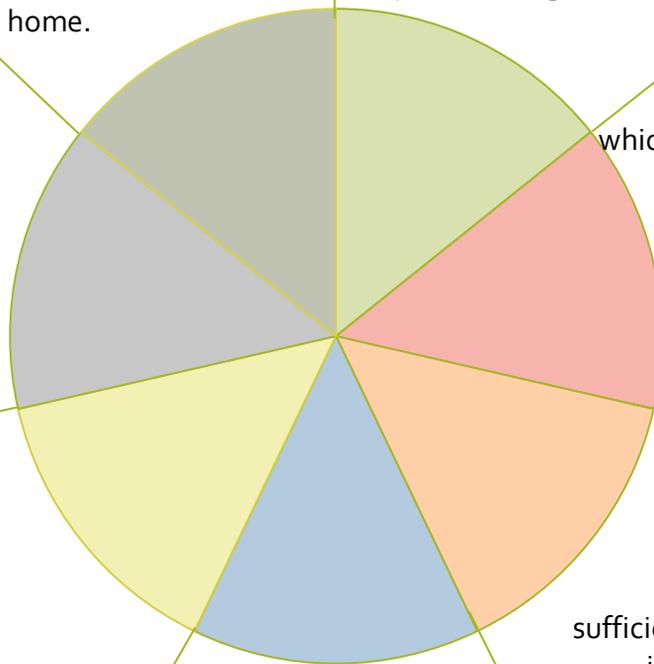
**1.** George is a 52 year old man from an Irish background who lived with his younger brother Andrew. George has a Learning Disability and agoraphobia. George relied heavily on his brother Michael for support until Michael's death in 2019, at which point Andrew became his main carer.

**2.** Andrew had a substantial history of domestic incidents reported to the Police. There were often disputes about money and who had control of their mother's pension when she was alive. In 2013, Andrew was sentenced to 5 years in prison following an attack on Michael. At this point, police call outs to the family home ceased. Upon his release from prison, Andrew was subject to conditions of residence. Andrew was however found to be living in the family home at the time of Michael's death. This was not picked up on by involved agencies.

**7.** In late 2019, Andrew set fire to the family home. George was supported by a neighbour to evacuate the property. Due to the extent of the fire damage, George was unable to return to his home.

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**3.** **Learning Point**  
George's learning difficulty impacted on his ability to self-advocate which contributed significantly to his vulnerability. Agency systems assume literacy, IT access, and ability to attend unfamiliar venues. This played a role in George's disengagement.



**6.** **Learning Point**  
Professionals need to be able to identify and respond to cases involving financial abuse, violence and coercive control within families. Responses and interventions need to be tailored and appropriate.

Domestic Abuse Policies need to include definitions and required responses to Adult Family Violence.

**5.** **Learning Point**  
There was a systemic break down in each agency's processes which resulted in a failure to follow up effectively and to communicate with other involved professionals. Each agency therefore did not have a sufficient grasp on the level of risk within the family in order to effectively respond to the complexity of their needs. The review highlighted the importance of robust information sharing agreements and ensuring that staff in all agencies understand how and when information should be shared.

**4.** **Learning Point**  
Agencies did not display sufficient **professional curiosity** in understanding what was happening in this family. Andrew was able to mask his learning difficulties with unpleasant and occasionally violent behaviour. It seems that as a result of this behaviour Andrew's own needs were never professionally explored and therefore he was not suitably supported to make better decisions for himself and George.