**SAR Donna – Family Statement**

This additional information has been provided by Donna’s\* brother and eldest son.

My sister/mum grew up in a normal house with her father, mother and 2 siblings.  Growing up, she did well at school and had friends who she spent time with.  She was well looked after and loved by her parents.

She moved out of the family home when she was 17 years old. She wanted some independence and to move in with her boyfriend at the time.  She enjoyed this independence and the challenges that moving out involved.  She learnt to cook, which she enjoyed doing.

Unfortunately, it was at this time that she fell in with a bad crowd of friends, who may have influenced her to start drinking.  However, she lived a normal life and was a productive member of society.  She held down a few different jobs over the next few years and enjoyed working.  She eventually left her boyfriend and moved in and married a different partner.  This was a period of stability until eventually this relationship broke down.

She was a good mum to all her children for many years before her alcohol dependency took control of her.  She always tried her hardest to make her children happy and took them all on trips away to the beach or theme parks. Although they never had a lot of money for things like this, she always found ways for the children to do something fun and to create memories for them all.

\*Donna is a pseudonym. Most safeguarding adult reviews are anonymised to protect the identity of the individual and family members.