



Statement from Bristol City Council in response to the Multi-Agency Learning Review published following the death of Mr Bijan Ebrahimi.

Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, said: "On behalf of Bristol City Council we sincerely and wholeheartedly apologise for the failings in the council's treatment of Bijan leading up to his tragic death in July 2013.

"We appreciate that no amount of lessons learned or changes in practice can possibly mitigate the impact this had on Bijan and his family. However, we assure the family and the public that every effort will continue to be made, building on the considerable work that has already been completed by the council as part of the Safer Bristol Partnership, to further identify how we need to change and improve. We are committed to working with the family and other partners to achieve this objective in memory of Bijan.

"We apologise for failing to adequately support Bijan as a victim. We accept all of the findings of the Safer Bristol-commissioned independent review, including "evidence of both discriminatory behaviour and institutional racism on the part of Bristol City Council".

"We would like once again to offer our sincere condolences, remorse and apologise to Bijan's family."