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## **Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews**

**Information for Parents  
and Carers**

## **What is a Child Safeguarding Practice Review?**

The local authority, health organisations, police and other agencies are required to work together to keep children safe. When things go wrong (such as when a child or young person has been seriously harmed or has died as a result of possible abuse or neglect), they are required to take action to prevent similar death or injuries happening in the future.

To do this they undertake a Child Safeguarding Practice Review. This looks at how organisations worked together to provide services to the child or young person who is the focus of the review, and to their family.

The purpose of the review is to:

- establish whether there are any lessons that can be learned by professionals and organisations;
- identify who those lessons are for; and plan how the lessons will be acted upon.

A Safeguarding Practice Review is not an investigation into how a child died or was seriously harmed. It is also completely separate from any investigation by the Police or the Coroner.

We recognise your grief and anxiety about what is happening. We believe that the circumstances relating to your child mean that a Child Safeguarding Practice Review should be carried out.

## **Who will carry out the Safeguarding Practice Review?**

A Lead Reviewer has been appointed to do the review and produce a report that will be published. The Lead Reviewer will be supported by senior managers from organisations such as health,

police, and the local authority as well as other relevant agencies.

All the organisations who have worked with your child or family will be asked to provide information. Consideration of this information will be included in the final report.

Practitioners and managers who worked with you and your child will also be invited to a meeting to share information and help identify how to improve services and support for children and families in the future.

## **How are parents and families involved?**

We are aware that this is a very difficult time for you but we want to learn all we can for the future.

We believe it is very important that family members share their experience of services and tell us whether anything could have been done differently. You will be invited to meet the Lead Reviewer to discuss any concerns you have about the services you received and to share any things that you feel helped you or your family. We will not force you to speak with the Lead Reviewer if you do not want to.

If you do, we will support with arrangements for you to speak with the Lead Reviewer in a way and at a time that is most appropriate for you.

When the review is complete, the Lead Reviewer will arrange to meet with you to share the key learning.

If you want to know about any changes that come from the review, you should talk to the Lead Reviewer about how you can hear about these and who can keep you informed of progress

## **How do we support parents and families involved?**

We will work with you to identify which professional you feel you have the best trusted relationship with so that they can keep you updated on what is happening.

## **How long will the review take?**

All local child safeguarding practice reviews should normally be completed within six months of the decision being taken to start the review. Sometimes this timescale needs to be extended.

## **Publication of the report**

The report will not contain any identifying details of your child or family. It will be published on our website.

The report will be available to all professionals to ensure that the lessons learned and recommendations made are put into practice.

## **This seems very upsetting**

We appreciate that this can be very upsetting and make you feel anxious. The review is one which we have to carry out and our focus will be on learning to help agencies keep children safe. You will be treated with courtesy and sensitivity and your thoughts, concerns and suggestions will be listened to and discussed with you. You will be kept fully informed at all times so you know what is happening and why.

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