

Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

(Formerly referred to as Serious Case Reviews)



Background

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places the responsibility for learning lessons from serious child safeguarding incidents at a national level with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and at a local level with the local safeguarding partners. Serious Case Reviews will now be known as **National or Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews**.

What happens next?

If the outcome of a Rapid Review determines the case meets the criteria to conduct a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review, an independent Lead Reviewer will be appointed to oversee the review process and produce a report that will be published on www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk

What is a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

A Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR) is undertaken when a child dies or has been seriously harmed and there is cause for concern as to the way organisations worked together

How do I refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

When you are satisfied the case meets the criteria, email a copy of the [referral form](#) to the email address on the form. A Rapid Review will then take place to establish if the case meets the criteria to undertake a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review

What is the purpose of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

The prime purpose of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review is for agencies and individuals to learn lessons to improve the way in which they work, both individually and collectively, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Who can refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

Anyone can refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review, however staff should consult with their organisations safeguarding lead who will decide whether or not to refer it to Warwickshire Safeguarding.

What kind of case would be referred for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

Serious child safeguarding cases should be referred for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review where:

- abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected *and*
- the child has died or been *seriously harmed

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**'Serious harm' includes (but is not limited to) serious and/or long-term impairment of a child's mental health or intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. It should also cover impairment of physical health⁷⁵.*