



# Child Safeguarding Practice - Rapid Reviews

## Background

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 places a duty on local safeguarding partnerships to undertake a rapid review for serious child safeguarding cases where:

*Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected; and  
The child has died or been seriously harmed.* When a serious child safeguarding case is referred to Warwickshire Safeguarding, we have **15 working days** to complete a Rapid Review and notify the National Panel of the outcome of the meeting.

## What is the purpose of a Rapid Review?

The purpose of a Rapid Reviews is to assemble the facts of the case as quickly as possible in order to establish whether there is any immediate action needed to ensure a child's safety and the potential for a national or local Child Safeguarding Practice Review.

## Who contributes to a Rapid Review?

Any agency that has been involved with the subject child or their family will be required to contribute information to the Rapid Review. Within 2 working days of the referral being received by Warwickshire Safeguarding, initial scoping and information sharing requests will be sent to the agencies known to be involved with the child/ family.

## What does my agency need to do?

Within the agreed timescale notified to your agency the completed initial scoping templates must be securely submitted to Warwickshire Safeguarding. At this stage agencies must secure their records relating to the case. This information will then be shared with those attending the Rapid Review meeting.

## What happens next?

A Rapid Review meeting will take place to review the facts of the case, agree any immediate action in regard to safeguarding, decide if the case meets the criteria for a National/ Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review or other learning review.

## What happens after the Rapid Review meeting?

Within 2 working days of the Rapid Review meeting taking place the National Panel will be notified of Warwickshire Safeguarding's recommendation in terms of whether or not the information scoped meets the criteria for a National/ Local Review or other review.

## What will happen after a Rapid Review meeting?

If a decision is reached to conduct a full safeguarding review and this is endorsed by the National Panel, agencies will be contacted to engage with the review via submission of written information i.e. chronologies and Individual Management Reviews (IMR's) and attendance at any practitioner events.

