**Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR)**

Serious Case Reviews have been replaced by Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews which will be managed at a local level by the three safeguarding partners in each LA and the whole system overseen by a National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

**Key Points:**

* A National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has been set up to oversee the system of reviews at a local and national level.
* Arrangements for practice reviews in each area will be the responsibility of the three safeguarding partners
* A review will be instigated when a serious child safeguarding case has been identified and is defined as a case in which:
	+ Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected AND the child has died or been seriously harmed
* 'Serious harm' is defined in Working Together to Safeguard Children and includes (but is not limited to) serious **and/or** long-term impairment of a child's mental health, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. It should also cover impairment of physical health.
* Any serious child safeguarding case may be reviewed subject to the criteria set out in Working Together 2018 and if the safeguarding partners believe that it is appropriate for a review to be undertaken
* All serious child safeguarding cases must be notified to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the local safeguarding partnership within 5 days of the incident occurring
* The National Panel may decide to instigate a national review if the circumstances are complex or of national importance
* In the case of serious incidents, rapid reviews can be instigated by the safeguarding partners under certain circumstances and the expectation is that these reviews will be completed within 15 working days of the incident coming to notice; the National Panel is looking to produce specific guidance on rapid reviews which will be published at a later date

Staff who think they have identified a case for review should consult with their organisation’s Safeguarding Lead who will decide whether or not to refer it to make a Child Safeguarding Practice Review Referral to Warwickshire Safeguarding.

**New Procedures**

The revised statutory procedures now stipulate that Local Safeguarding Partnerships will have approximately [**15 working days**](https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/images/Rapid_Review_docs/Rapid_Review_Flowchart_and_associated_timescales.pdf)to gather further information, from the initial referral, to complete a Rapid Review of the case. Due to the timescales that are now involved, all referrals for a child safeguarding practice review (CSPR) **must be sent to the following e-mail address along with the CSPR Referral form**: **scrnotification@warwickshire.gov.uk**.

Please attach the [**CSPR Referral form**](https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/downloads/Safeguarding_Practice_Review.docx)to the e-mail.

Warwickshire Safeguarding will endeavour to acknowledge the referral for a CSPR within 2 working days.

Warwickshire Safeguarding has adopted the Regional Framework and Practice Guidance for Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews which sets out the agreed methodology for the reviews process and corresponding tools.

**Further Information**

[**Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/779401/Working_Together_to_Safeguard-Children.pdf)

[**Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews – Regional Guidance and Tools**](https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/ykpzl/statutory-child-protection-procedures/additional-guidance#s3907)

[**Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews – 7 Minute Briefing**](https://www.safeguardingwarwickshire.co.uk/images/Safeguarding_Briefings/Local_Child_Safeguarding_Practice_Reviews_v10_-_7_Minute_Briefing_.pdf)

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