



Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

**Information for
Parents, Families and Carers**

When a child dies unexpectedly or has been seriously harmed, the Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership is required by Government legislation to consider a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review. Understanding not only what happened but also why things happened as they did can help to improve our response in the future.

This review is to consider if there are any lessons which may be learnt about the way organisations have worked with you and your family. We acknowledge this is likely to be a very difficult time for you and we want to learn all we can to make sure we improve.

The Surrey Safeguarding Partnership believes that you should know about the review and have the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you have and share any feedback about the help you received. This leaflet has been designed to explain what happens and what support we can offer.

What is a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

The purpose of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review is to establish how organisations, agencies and professionals work together to support families to keep children and young people safe. It is not an enquiry into the cause of your child's serious harm or death.

It is completely separate from any investigation being undertaken by the Police and/or Coroner and it concentrates on the work of the professionals, organisations and agencies who have been involved with your family.

It is for agencies and individuals to learn lessons to improve the way in which they work, both individually and collectively. It is for agencies and individuals to learn lessons to improve the way in which they work, both individually and collectively and to explore how practice can be improved more generally through changes to the system as a whole in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews seek to prevent or reduce the risk of recurrence of similar incidents.

The members of this panel could include representatives from Health,

Children Social Care, Police and Legal Services. Other organisations and agencies may be asked to attend or give information.

Once a Child Safeguarding Practice Review has been commissioned, each organisation or agency will be asked to gather and analyse any professional records relating to your child and family until the Review has been completed.

It is an independent process conducted by an external Lead Reviewer appointed by the Surrey Safeguarding Partnership. The process reports to Ofsted and the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

How Does a Review happen?

Each agency or organisation will provide the external Lead Reviewer as chair of the case review panel with full details of when and what services they gave you and your family. The panel will consider all the reports in detail in order to find out if the expected standards have been met and organisational or agency policies and procedures had been followed.

A summary of the decisions that were made, services which were either offered and/or provided and any other actions that were taken will be considered in detail. This is to identify whether any lessons can be learned about the way agencies and organisations work together to safeguard children and young people.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to talk about any involvement that either your child or your family had with individual agencies and organisations.

When the Review has been completed, agencies and organisations will then consider what actions they may need to take to change the way they support children, young people and their families in the future.

We are required to produce a Final Report, which outlines the key findings and recommendations of the review without giving personal details. This report is fully anonymised and has to be published on Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) website for a minimum of 12 months.

A representative of the Surrey Safeguarding Partnership will inform you of the review, the outcome of the Review once completed and of any lessons that have been learnt. A member of the Review panel (usually the external Lead Reviewer) can arrange to meet with you to discuss this process and your contact with the organisations, agencies and professionals involved. A convenient date, time and venue will be arranged.

If you wish to arrange a meeting to contribute your views to the review, please contact the person detailed below:

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For further information, please visit the Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://www.surreyscp.org.uk/case-reviews/learning-from-local-reviews/>