



TEA-BREAK GUIDE



Introduction:

In line with Working Together 2018, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR) have replaced Serious Case Reviews (SCR). We are now required to undertake an initial Rapid Review in response to any serious safeguarding incident where a child dies or is seriously harmed.

The Serious Case Review (SCR) Sub Group has been re-named the Local Learning Review (LLR) Sub Group under the new partnership arrangements. The LLR Sub Group maintains an overview of all cases referred as a request for consideration of a review. A Rapid Review Group has been established consisting of senior strategic leads from the three safeguarding partners (Local Authority, CCG and Police), with the task of completing rapid reviews within the timescale.

Serious Incident Notification's (SiN) and Serious harm:

“Serious harm” is different to the actual/potential significant harm safeguarding threshold which requires a statutory child protection intervention. Serious harm means that a child has already suffered life changing physical or psychological harm.

Serious safeguarding incidents require a SIN (Significant Incident Notification) by children's social care to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and to Ofsted. A Rapid Review report must then be submitted to the National Panel within 15 working days of the SIN notification.

The aim of the Rapid Review:

The review should obtain learning from cases of serious harm as early as possible, and to begin the process of dissemination of learning and/or changes to guidance or practice.

The rapid review should include:

- Relevant identifying details of the child and family.
- A concise summary of the facts,
- Immediate safeguarding arrangements for any children involved;
- Any immediate learning already established and plans for dissemination/implementation;
- A recommendation, with reasons, on whether a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) is required.

Significant Incident Notifications within Children First Northamptonshire

Staff and Managers within Children First Northamptonshire should follow the [Need to Know Procedure](#) and refer any safeguarding incident which may meet criteria for a **Significant Incident Notification** to the SQAS Strategic Manager in line with this procedure. All Significant Incident Notifications are then submitted to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

Notifications from other Partner Agencies

Any member of the safeguarding partnership may submit a case using the “Request for Consideration of a Review” form which is available from the NSCP Business Office and contained within the NSCP Procedures Manual here. Before submitting the form the case should be discussed and form countersigned by the agency’s representative on the LLR Sub Group.

The request form will be considered by Strategic Lead representatives of the LLR Sub Group and if it is deemed it may reach the criteria for a CSPR, a Rapid Review will be undertaken.

Rapid Review Timescales:

As soon as it is determined that a Rapid Review is required a 15 working day timescale must be followed. NSCP Business Office will send a **Request for Information template** to partner agencies, who will be asked to return the completed template within 8 working days.

The Rapid Review meeting will be convened within 10-12 working days and a Rapid Review report will be drafted, to be confirmed/amended by the strategic partners by 15 working days. It will then be submitted to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel. Any immediate actions identified in the Rapid Review will be advised to the relevant agencies.

Rapid Review reports are retained by the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and help to build a thematic picture of current child safeguarding concerns. They are also shared with Ofsted, but are not published.

Where the Rapid Review has concluded that a local CSPR is required, this will now need to be completed in line with the timescale and other statutory guidance within Working Together 2018.

Cases which do not meet Serious Incident Notification criteria:

If a case referred to the NSCP does not meet the criteria for a Serious Incident Notification criteria and a Rapid Review is not undertaken, the case does not require to be notified to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review panel or Ofsted. Next steps available to the Partnership could include:

- No further action
- Ensure any specific actions are progressed on a “live” case
- Single agency review
- Meeting or working group to develop an action plan to address a specific issue
- Practitioner learning event

National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Guidance:

The National Panel has published guidance describing its own work, and its expectations of overview reports for Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews, and best practice for Rapid Reviews. You can read this guidance via the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/793253/Practice_guidance_v_2.1.pdf

Publication of Reviews:

In the same way Serious Case Reviews were published any completed Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews will also be published and available on the following link.

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/scr/>