

# Practice Review Referral Pathway

Guidance for practitioners before submitting a referral to SSCP.

## 1. Consideration of referral criteria

A referral **must** be made to the SSCP in the event of a **child death** or a child suffering **serious harm** where abuse and/ or neglect are suspected (as per Working Together 2023). You must do this **within 5 working days** of becoming aware of the incident. In such circumstances a statutory rapid review would be undertaken. The purpose of a rapid review is to gather information quickly to identify actions and learning.

A referral to the SSCP should also be considered in the following circumstances:

- To establish whether there are lessons to be learned about the way in which local professionals and organisations work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children.
- Where a child has been charged with a Serious Offence (including, Murder, Manslaughter, Rape or Terrorism)
- Where there has been a seriously good outcome for a child or their family, where multi-agency safeguarding practice has been particularly effective.
- In the event of a Care Leaver Death up until the age of 25.

A Screening Panel, made up of the Delegated Safeguarding Partners is convened within 5 working days of receipt of the referral to agree criteria and the type of review (if any) to be undertaken. The panel will agree the timescales and scope of the review, including the proposed terms of reference.

The purpose of any review is to identify learning to improve the local safeguarding system. Please note that referring to the SSCP does not replace the statutory child protection processes.

All reports or enquiries concerning the welfare or safety of a child must go straight to the **Bridge Partnership** Tel: **0161 603 4500** or via our online portal, which you can access below.

[Children's portal](#)

The Bridge Partnership is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am - 4:30pm. If you need to speak to someone outside of these times, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team (EDT)** on **0161 794 8888**.

If a child is in immediate danger of being harmed or is home alone, call the **police** on **999**.

This applies to the public, council staff, partners and outside agencies.

## 2. Pre-referral actions

- All referrals should be discussed with the agency Practice Review Subgroup (PRSG) representative.
- Seek opportunities to involve the family (where appropriate) to consider the voice and lived experience.
- Consider whether to apply formal [escalation procedures](#).

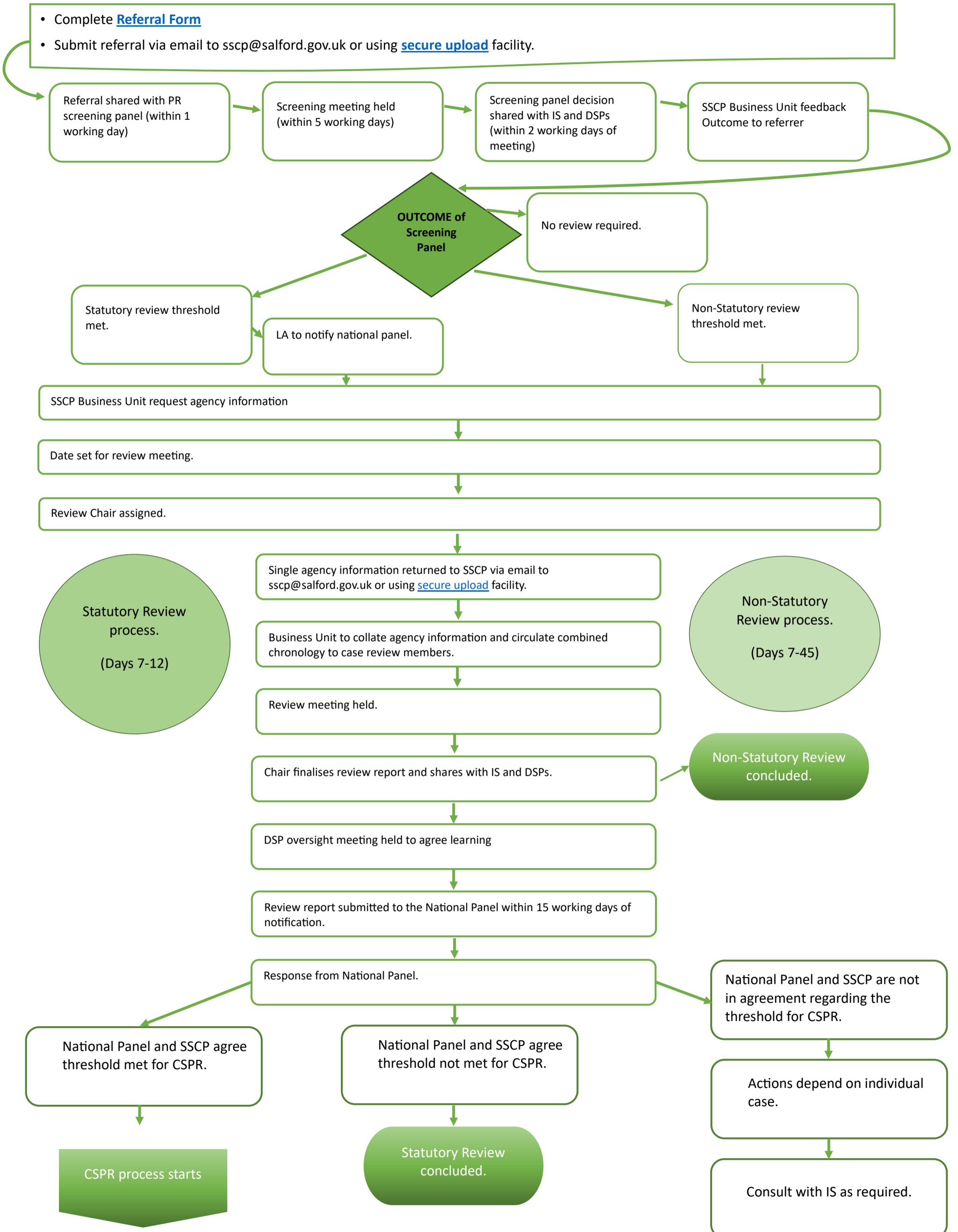
## 3. Referral

- Complete the [referral form](#)
- Submit to [sscp@salford.gov.uk](mailto:sscp@salford.gov.uk) / use [secure upload](#) facility
- For further information see 7MB on making a referral.

## 4. Acronyms used

CSPR	Child Safeguarding Practice Review
DSP	Delegated Safeguarding Partner
IS	Independent Scrutineer
LA	Local Authority
PRSG	Practice Review Subgroup
PR	Practice Review
RR	Rapid Review
SSCP	Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership

## Statutory & Non-Statutory Review Flowchart



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