

Serious Case Reviews Information for Families

What Is Salford Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)?

The Safeguarding Children Board consists of a number of senior professionals from different agencies in Salford who provide services or are responsible for working with vulnerable children and their families. The aim is to ensure that we work together effectively to keep children safe.

What is a Serious Case Review?

A Serious Case Review (SCR) looks at how local professionals and organisations worked together to deliver services to the child or young person at the centre of the Review. It may also look at how they are working with other children in the immediate family.

The Review considers what was done, what lessons can be learned for the future and what changes may need to be made.

It is not a Criminal Investigation or Public Enquiry and its aim is not to blame but to learn.

Why Are We Carrying Out a SCR?

Salford LSCB has to carry out a SCR when a child has been seriously harmed or has died and abuse or neglect is suspected or confirmed. Consideration is also given to conducting SCR in some other circumstances.

Who Will Carry Out the Review?

Salford LSCB has a duty to appoint a panel of senior people from agencies including Children's Social Care, Health and Police to review what happened in the work they did or did not undertake with your family to see if there are lessons to be learned to prevent this in the future.

The Panel will meet to review information presented to them and prepare an Overview Report.

What Will I/We Have To Do?

You do not have to do anything. However, you will wherever possible have the opportunity to give your views if you would like to. The Lead Reviewer, assisted as appropriate by a member of the SCR Panel, can help you do this.

Please note if there is a police investigation running parallel to the SCR process this may impact on the involvement of significant others.

Who Will See the Report?

The overview report will be published in full unless to do so would harm other children. The report will be suitably anonymised to protect the identity of children, family members and others. Wherever possible a copy of this report will be made available to you. You will be notified in advance of the publication. The Lead Reviewer will meet with you and discuss with you what is in the report.

How Long Will the Review Take?

We aim to complete Reviews in 6 months. However, this timescale sometimes needs to be extended, in which case you would be informed and the reasons why explained to you.

If you want to know more about Serious Case Reviews, you could look at [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015](#) – Chapter 4. This is statutory guidance for anyone working with children in England. It sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

More information about SCRs visit www.partnersinsalford.org/sscb/sscbcasereviews.htm

If you require this information in another format, please contact the Salford Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager Tel: 0161 603 4336