

# Making a referral for a Practice Review 7 Minute Briefing

## 1. Background

Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships (LSCP) have a statutory duty to review cases where a child has died or has been seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected. This duty is outlined in [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#) and is underpinned by the legislation in [Sections 16A-16D of the Children Act 2004](#). **To support the LSCP, any agency can make a referral for a multi-agency Practice Review to establish whether there is learning about how local organisations work together to safeguard children.**

## 2. What is a Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

Sometimes known as a CSPR, this is a way of gathering information, views and perspectives from all agencies working with the child or family, together with the views of the child or family. There are different methods of carrying out a CSPR, but broadly speaking, the review is usually led by one Lead Reviewer, who will bring together and analyse all the information and the views of the practitioners and family. They will then write a report and identify areas where practice can be improved across the multi-agency system.

## 3. Other types of Review

When an incident is referred in to the LSCP it will be assessed by a Virtual Panel to see whether it meets the criteria for a statutory review. If it does, a [Rapid Review](#) will be carried out within 15 days to draw out immediate learning. If not, a different kind of review may be done e.g. a multi or single agency audit, a local case review or a Serious Offence Review.

## 4. Criteria

If a child dies or is seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is known or suspected, a referral **must** be made. Serious harm includes (but is not limited to) serious and / or long-term impairment of mental health or intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development, or impairment of physical health. ***Referrals can also be made where multi-agency practice has not been robust.***

## 5. How to refer

First of all, discuss the case with your Safeguarding Lead and / or Practice Review Subgroup (PRSG) member. Referrals should be made within **5 days** of the incident.

Refer to guidance in the PRSG [toolkit](#).

Fill in the [referral form](#) which can be found on the SSCP website and have it Quality Assured by your [PRSG member](#). Send securely to [sscp@salford.gov.uk](mailto:sscp@salford.gov.uk).

## 6. Learning from Practice Reviews

Learning from reviews may result in new training or learning materials, or changes to policies or practice guidance. Thematic learning is pulled together to produce regular [7 Minute Briefings](#)

Sometimes a case can be referred for a [Seriously Good Outcome Review](#) which results in elements of good practice and strong multi-agency working being shared with the wider workforce.

## 7. Further information

[Practice reviews | Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)

[Sections 16A-16D of the Children Act 2004](#)

[NSPCC National Case Review repository](#)

[National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel](#)

[Serious incident notifications, Financial year 2022-23 – Explore education statistics\).](#)

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### Additional Information

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