

Review published into the death of a child and their mother

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Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership has today (Monday 14 July 2025) published a Child Safeguarding Practice Review due to the very sad circumstances of the death of a child and their mother.

A Child Safeguarding Practice Review is undertaken when a child is seriously or fatally harmed and there is cause for concern as to the way organisations worked together.

The child, who is not named in the review, was eight years old when they died at their family home.

Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership commissioned the review to examine the involvement of agencies with the child and their family.

The review identifies specific learning for individual agencies involved, and thorough action plans are in place to address these.

A total of six recommendations have been made for the wider partnership.

Michelle Williamson, the Independent Chair of Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership, said: "This was a tragic incident, and the circumstances of the child's death are still under examination. This review comes at a time when proceedings are continuing.

"Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership commissioned the review to identify any learning from this case. The multiagency recommendations are already being actioned across the wider system.

"The review found that the circumstances of the death of the child and her mother are complex. Whilst the stresses of being a parent carer were identified and there was evidence of child focussed multi-agency practice; this review has highlighted the importance of collaborative working with adult services to fully understand the impact on carers when caring for a child with complex care needs.

"We fully support the learning identified in the review and are committed to working with partner agencies to ensure all recommended actions are completed. A multi-agency Learning Event will be delivered in early autumn.

"With support from Salford Parent Carer Forum two listening events are being hosted on Thursday 17th July with the local community who have experiences of caring for children with disabilities."

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