

Further Information:

The aim of this leaflet is to provide general information about SCRs. You will be provided with further information as the Review progresses.

If you want to know more about the guidance for Serious Case Reviews this can be found in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013, Chapter 4. A link to this document can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children>

Chair of SCR Panel:

Name:

Telephone:

Family's Contact Person:

Name:

Telephone:



Serious Case Reviews

Information for Parents & Carers

Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) brings together the main organisations that work with children, young people and their families across Worcestershire.

This includes Police, Health, Education, County & District Councils, and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

The main focus of the work of WSCB is to keep children and young people in Worcestershire safe.

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What is a Serious Case Review?

A Serious Case Review (SCR) looks at how local organisations have worked together to provide services to the child or young person who is the subject of the Review, and to his or her family.

WSCB has to carry out a SCR when a child or young person has been seriously harmed or has died and abuse or neglect is suspected and/or there are lessons to be learnt about how organisations have worked together to prevent similar deaths or injuries happening in the future. Whilst acknowledging your grief and anxiety it is felt that the circumstances relating to your child mean that a SCR will be carried out.

A SCR is completely separate from any investigation being undertaken by Police or the Coroner.

Who carries out the Serious Case Review?

A Panel of practitioners from Health, Police and Children's Services, plus other representatives, who may have knowledge relevant to the particular situation, will undertake the Review. There will also be a Chairperson of the Panel, who is independent of the organisations involved, and an Independent Author, who writes the Overview Report.

All the organisations that have worked with the child or young person and their family will be asked to complete an Individual Management Review, which outlines the involvement they had with family members and the services that were offered. The Panel considers all these reports and an Overview Report is prepared, which pulls together the information and makes recommendations for future action. An Executive Summary of the Report is also produced.

How long will the Review take?

The Review should be completed within 6 months of the decision being taken to start the Review. Sometimes this timescale needs to be extended.

Publication of the SCR

The final Overview Report will be published, along with the Executive Summary, on WSCB's website. The Report and Executive Summary will be fully anonymised and will not contain any identifying details. It will be available to all professionals to ensure that the lessons learned and recommendations are put into practice.

How are parents and families involved?

The Panel will give parents/carers, and where appropriate other family members, the opportunity to share their views and comment on the services they have received. You will be contacted by the Chairperson of the SCR Panel through a practitioner who knows you and your family.

When the Review is complete the Chair of the Panel will meet with you to outline the findings and recommendations and you will be provided with a copy of the Overview Report and the Executive Summary. If you want to know about any changes that come from the review talk to the lead reviewer about how you can hear about these, and who can keep you in touch with progress after the review.