

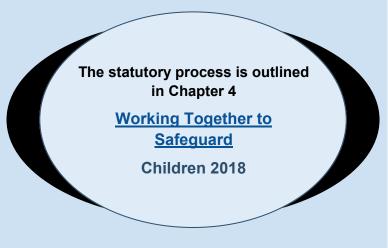
Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review Briefing

Overview

- Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews are a statutory requirement for Safeguarding Partnerships as outlined in Children and Social Work Act 2017 (S17) and Working Together To Safeguard Children Statutory Guidance 2018 (Chapter 4).
- A review may be commissioned when abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected and the child has died or been seriously harmed.
- The Statutory Safeguarding Partners (SSP) determine if a case meets the criteria for notification, the Local Authority has a duty to notify the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel (CSPRP). The CSPRP will share all notifications with Ofsted and Department for Education.
- Once decision has been made that notification criteria met, a Rapid Review Panel is convened. Purpose of Rapid Review is to gather facts about the case, discuss any immediate action needed to ensure children's safety, identify improvements which may need immediate action, along with deciding next steps and recommendation to SSP whether LCSPR criteria has been met.
- ♦ The purpose of a LCSPR is to identify improvements to practice. Areas identified where lessons have been learned will be explored and changes to practice or policies may occur. Partnerships have 6 months to complete a LCSPR.

How Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews work in Darlington

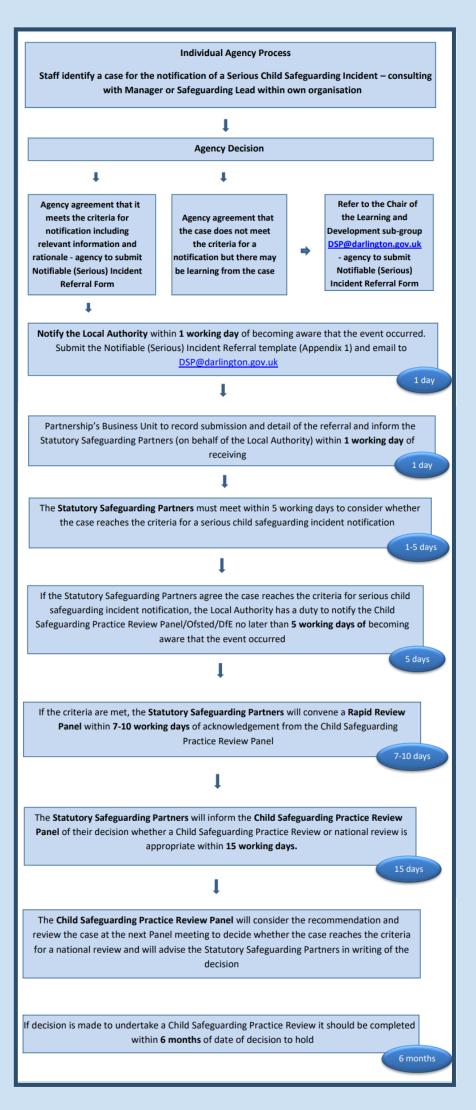
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how relevant organisations in Darlington will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in its area. A key function is to undertake reviews of serious cases. Any professionals or agency may refer a case to the Statutory Safeguarding Partners if they believe there are important lessons to be learned.







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Points to note:

- There is an expectation that all agencies with involvement in the child(ren) engage and provide information to support the review.
 There will be an agreed timeframe for all of the information to be gathered.
- For Education Settings—as the CSPRP share all notifications with Ofsted and DfE, to be mindful they may be contacted by Ofsted who treat the information in the same way as they would if it were a complaint about the school, even if no indication the school is at fault
- A Rapid Review Panel is convened within fifteen working days of a notification to the Child
 Safeguarding Practice Review Panel to consider the information and to make recommendation to the
 Statutory Safeguarding Partners on next steps and whether criteria for LCSPR has been met.
- The Notifiable serious incident notification referral form and the Child Safeguarding Practice Review and Serious Child Safeguarding Incident Procedures are available to download on the <u>Safeguarding</u> <u>Partnership website</u>.