

# 7 Minute Briefing: Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review



## 7 What happens next?

If the outcome of a Rapid Review determines the case meets the criteria to conduct a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review, then the partnership will agree the methodology to use to ensure learning is identified and published on the Walsall Safeguarding Partnership website:  
[Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews - Walsall Safeguarding Children \(walsallsp.co.uk\)](http://walsallsp.co.uk)

## 1 Background

The [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) places the responsibility for learning lessons from serious child safeguarding incidents at a national level with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and at a local level with the local safeguarding partners.

## 6 How do I refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

When you are satisfied the case is likely to meet the criteria, email a copy of the referral form to the email address on the form. A Rapid Review will then take place to establish if the case meets the criteria to undertake a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review and will identify learning as part of the rapid review process. Referral process and documentation can be found on [Local Policies and Procedures - Walsall Safeguarding Children \(walsallsp.co.uk\)](#)

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

A Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR) is undertaken when a child dies or has been seriously harmed, abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be a contributory factor, and there is cause for concern as to the way organisations worked together.



## 5 Who can refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

Anyone can refer a case for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review; however, staff should consult with their organisations safeguarding lead who will decide whether or not to refer it to Walsall Safeguarding Partnership.

## 4 What kind of case would be referred for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

Serious child safeguarding cases should be referred for a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review where:

- abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected and
- the child has died or been seriously harmed.

Serious harm includes (but is not limited to) serious and/or long-term impairment of a child's mental health or intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. It should also cover impairment of physical health.

## 3 What is the purpose of a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review?

[Working Together 2023](#) states:  
“The purpose of serious child safeguarding case reviews, at both local and national level, is to identify improvements to be made to safeguard and promote the welfare of children”.