

7 Minute Briefing: Rapid Review

Next Steps

If a decision is reached to conduct a full safeguarding review and this is endorsed by the National Panel, agencies will be contacted to engage with the review via submission of written information i.e. chronologies and Individual Management Reviews (IMR's) and attendance at any practitioner events.

For further information see: [WSP website](#) & [LCSPP 7 minute briefing](#)



Background

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 places a duty on local safeguarding partnerships to undertake a rapid review for serious child safeguarding cases where:

Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected; and
The child has died or been seriously harmed.

When a serious child safeguarding case is referred to Walsall Safeguarding Partnership, we have 15 working days to complete a Rapid Review and notify the National Panel of the outcome of the meeting.

After the Rapid Review meeting

Within 2 working days of the Rapid Review meeting taking place the National Panel will be notified of Walsall Safeguarding Partnership's recommendation in terms of whether or not the information scoped meets the criteria for a National/ Local Review or other review.



The Purpose of a Rapid Review

The purpose of a Rapid Reviews is to assemble the facts of the case as quickly as possible in order to establish whether there is any immediate action needed to ensure a child's safety and the potential for a national or local Child Safeguarding Practice Review.

What happens next?

A Rapid Review meeting will take place to review the facts of the case, agree any immediate action in regard to safeguarding, decide if the case meets the criteria for a National/ Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review or other learning review.

What does my agency need to do?

Within the agreed timescale notified to your agency the completed initial scoping templates must be securely submitted to Walsall Safeguarding Partnership:
safeguardingbusinessunit@walsall.gov.uk

At this stage agencies must secure their records relating to the case. This information will then be shared with those attending the Rapid Review meeting.

Who contributes to a Rapid Review?

Any agency that has been involved with the subject child or their family will be required to contribute information to the Rapid Review.

Within 2 working days of the referral being received by Walsall Safeguarding Partnership, initial scoping and information sharing requests will be sent to the agencies known to be involved with the child/ family.