



## TEA-BREAK GUIDE



### Introduction:

In Working Together 2018, Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR) replaced Serious Case Reviews (SCR); we are required to undertake a Serious Incident Notification (SIN) and an initial Rapid Review (RR) in response to specific serious safeguarding incidents, when a child has died or is seriously harmed AND neglect or abuse is suspected. A SIN is required in all circumstances when a child in care has died. A SIN must be submitted within 5 working days of the incident occurring.

The partnership's Local Learning Review (LLR) Sub-Group maintains an overview of all cases requesting consideration of a review. NSCP's RR Group consists of senior strategic leads from the three lead safeguarding partners (Local Authority (through NCT), CCG and Police) whose role is to conduct RR's within 15 working days of a SIN.

### Serious Incident Notification's (SiN) and Serious harm:

"Serious harm" is different to the actual / potential significant harm safeguarding threshold which requires a statutory child protection intervention. Serious harm means that a child has *already suffered* life changing physical or psychological harm.

Serious safeguarding incidents requires Children's Social Care to submit a SIN to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and to Ofsted. The RR report must then be submitted to the National Panel within 15 working days of the SIN notification.

### The aim of the Rapid Review:

The RR should obtain learning from cases of serious harm as early as possible and begin the process of dissemination of learning and/or changes to guidance or practice without delay / completion of a CSPR.

The RR should include:

- Relevant identifying details of the child and family.
- A concise summary of the facts,
- Immediate safeguarding arrangements for any children involved;
- Any immediate analysis and learning already established and plans for appropriate responses/ dissemination / implementation;
- A recommendation, with reasons, on whether a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) is required.

### Significant Incident Notifications within Northamptonshire 's Children's Trust

Staff and Managers in Northamptonshire Children's Trust should follow the [Senior Leadership Alert Procedure](#) and refer any safeguarding incident which may meet criteria for a **Significant Incident Notification** to the SQAS Strategic Manager in line with this procedure. All agreed SIN's are then submitted to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.

## Notifications from other Partner Agencies

Any member of the safeguarding partnership may submit a case using the “Request for Consideration of a Review” form which is available from the NSCP Business Office and contained within the NSCP Procedures Manual here (hyper link needed). Before submitting the request form, the case should be discussed, and form countersigned by the agency’s representative on the LLR Sub-Group.

The request form will be considered by Strategic Lead representatives of the LLR Sub-Group and if it is deemed it may meet specified criteria for a CSPR, an RR will be undertaken.

### Rapid Review Timescales:

As soon as it is determined that an RR is required, a 15-working day timescale must be followed. NSCP Business Office will send a **Request for Information template** to partner agencies, who will be asked to return the completed template within 8-working days.

The RR meeting will be convened within 10-12 working days and an RR report will be drafted, to be confirmed / amended by Strategic Partner Leads by 15-working days. It will then be submitted to the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel. Any immediate actions identified in the RR will be advised to relevant agencies.

RR reports are retained by the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and help to build a thematic picture of current national child safeguarding practice and concerns through collation of data at national level. RR’s are also shared with Ofsted but are not published.

Where the RR has concluded that a local CSPR is required, this will need to be completed in line with statutory guidance in Working Together 2018. The purpose of the RR is to identify and act upon immediate learning and consider if there is additional learning which could be identified through a wider CSPR.

If the RR identifies that there is further learning from a particular incident which has not been fully identified and explored through the Rapid Review, the NSCP must commission a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR). The purpose of a CSPR is to explore how practice can be improved through changes to the partners’ systems; RR’s & CSPR’s are specifically focussed on learning, not apportion of blame fault.

In addition NSCP has a duty to identify and review serious child safeguarding cases which, in their view, raise issues of importance in relation to their area. This may be in the form of a CSPR or another review process. The final decision with regard to initiating a CSPR lies with NSCP Strategic Partner Leads.

### Cases which do not meet Serious Incident Notification criteria:

If a case referred to NSCP does not meet the criteria for a SIN and an RR is not undertaken, the case does not need to be notified to the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review panel or Ofsted. Next steps available to the Partnership could include:

- No further action
- Ensure any specific actions are progressed on a “live” case
- Single or multi-agency review
- Meeting or working group to develop an action plan to address a specific issue
- Practitioner learning event

### National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Guidance:

The National Panel has published guidance describing its own work, and its expectations of overview reports for CSPR’s, and best practice for RR’s. You can read this guidance at the link below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/793253/Practice\\_guidance\\_v\\_2.1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/793253/Practice_guidance_v_2.1.pdf)

### Publication of Reviews:

In the same way Serious Case Reviews were published, any completed Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews will also be published and available on the following link.

<http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/scr/>