



Derby City Council

CYP SCRUTINY BOARD
24 March 2015

ITEM 9

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

Outcomes of Serious Case Reviews and Lessons Learnt

SUMMARY

- 1.1 It is a statutory responsibility of the Local Safeguarding Children Board to conduct serious case reviews when a child dies as a result of abuse or neglect, or a child is seriously harmed and there is a concern about the actions within or between agencies. The LSCB may also opt to undertake learning reviews in situations where the outcome has been less serious, but there is an opportunity to improve practice.
- 1.2 Attached at appendix two is Derby Safeguarding Children Board summary of learning from both types of review since 2009. This will be published on the DSCB website.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the learning from recent reviews

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Scrutiny Board needs to be aware of this learning, to assist their understanding of factors which can affect our collective ability to safeguard children
- 3.2 The Board may also wish to challenge Council services in regard to acting upon the recommendations and learning

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Please note the detailed report at appendix two
- 4.2 DSCB does itself assist with the dissemination of learning following any review, through seminars, publication of reports, incorporation into training, etc. The action plans are tracked by the Serious Case Review panel until they are signed off, and where appropriate the Quality Assurance sub-group will monitor compliance and impact.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Non applicable

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The work of Derby Safeguarding Children Board is financially supported by partners including the Local Authority. SCRs represent a very significant spend of resources and it has been a challenge to ensure this is proportionate to our statutory responsibility and the opportunity for learning. DSCB has adopted the Welsh Child Practice Review model for future SCRs which is thorough and analytical but less bureaucratic and drawn out than the previous model.

Legal

- 2.1 This demonstrates compliance with statutory responsibilities

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

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- 4.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Consideration is given to race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, religion, and disability in relation to all these cases.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 It is important to be aware of the emotional and psychological impact on staff when a child dies, and when they are involved in a SCR. DSCB tries to maintain a culture of reflection and learning, rather than defensiveness and blame.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

- 9.1 This is an area of high reputational risk for the Council and partners.
Managing risks to children is integral to the work of staff and services in CYP.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Service's support the Councils priorities of
- inspiring start in life
 - inspiring start in life by improving educational attainment
 - inspiring working life by improving skills and creating jobs