

In this leaflet we have answered some of the most frequently asked questions families have about Serious Case Reviews. Of course, each case is different and you may have other questions you would like to ask. If so, you can contact the Chair or your personal contact.

**Chair:**

☎ 01793 46\_\_\_\_\_

**Your personal contact:**

☎ 01793 46\_\_\_\_\_

**Other contacts you may find useful:**

*If you want to know more about the rules and regulations covering Serious Case Reviews, you could look at **Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2006 – Chapter 8**. A link to this document can be found in the 'Links' section of our web site:*

<http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk>

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## **Serious Case Reviews: Information for Families**

If you require this information in another format, please contact the LSCB Business Manager on: 01793 463816

## ***What is Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)?***

The **LSCB** brings together all the main organisations who work with children and families in Swindon, with the aim of ensuring that we work together effectively to keep children safe.

## ***What is a Serious Case Review?***

A Serious Case Review looks at how local professionals and organisations worked together to look after the child or young person at the centre of the Review. It may also look at how they are working with other children in the immediate family.

The Review considers what was done, what lessons can be learned for the future and what changes may need to be made. It is not a Criminal Investigation or Public Enquiry and its aim is not to blame but to learn.

## ***Why Are You Carrying Out A Serious Case Review?***

Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has to carry out a Serious Case Review when a child has been seriously harmed or has died and abuse or neglect is suspected or confirmed.

## ***Who Will Carry Out the Review?***

A panel of professionals from Children's Services, Housing, the Health Service, the Police and sometimes other organisations such as the NSPCC are led by an expert in child protection (the 'Chair').

They will meet to review information presented to them and prepare a report.

## ***What Will I / We Have To Do?***

You do not have to do anything. However, you will have the opportunity to give your views if you would like to. We will make sure that there is someone who can help you to do this (see back page).

## ***Who Will See the Report?***

Normally the **Report** will be kept confidential to those people who represent their organisations on the LSCB or have contributed to the review and the staff within those organisations who worked with the child and their family. However, sometimes the Coroner has asked to see the report and to use parts of it during an inquest.

Your personal contact and/or the Chair of the Review will meet with you and tell you what is in the report.

The **Executive Summary** outlines the key findings and recommendations of the review without giving personal details. It is available to anyone who wants to read it and will be on our web site. We will give you a copy of this summary.

## ***How Long Will the Review Take?***

In practice, we have found that it usually takes six to nine months from the event that triggers the Review to publication of the Executive Summary.