

What will I/we have to do?

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

Someone involved with the organisation of the Review can meet with you to take your views and/or discuss the completed report.

We can learn a lot from parents and also from children and young people who are old enough to contribute.

Who will see the Report?

The **Overview Report** of the Review should be published and should be made available to anyone who wants to see it unless there are good reasons not to; for example, where there is an impact on the welfare of any children directly affected by the case.

The LSCB is required to produce an **Executive Summary**, which outlines the key findings and recommendations of the review.

At present, the LSCB is required by law to share the report with Ofsted who ensure that it is of good quality.

The Overview report and the Executive Summary will be available to anyone who wants to read them from the LSCB Manager. We will give you a copy of the report and executive summary before releasing them to the wider public.

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.

Please feel free to ask any further questions you may have by contacting the LSCB Manager at:

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If you want to know more about Serious Case Reviews, you can look at guidance on the Department for Education website, at the following address:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/safeguarding/safeguardingchildren/a0068869/serious-case-reviews-scrs>

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Serious Case Reviews:

Information for parents and carers

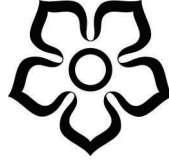
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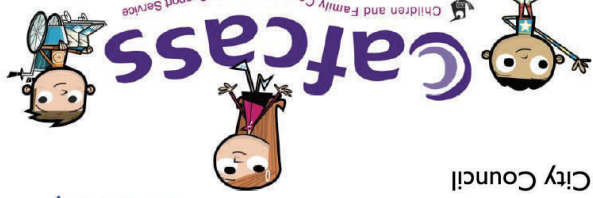
The Leicester Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) brings together all the main organisations who work with children and families in Leicester, with the aim of ensuring that we work together effectively to keep children and young people safe.

Who are the main

organisations on the Safeguarding Children Board?



Leicester City Council



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LEICESTER SHIRE



East Midlands

Leicester City Youth Offending Service



Why is a Serious Case Review being done?

The LSCB is required to carry out a **Serious Case Review** when a child or young person has died, and abuse or neglect is thought to have been a factor. Sometimes, it will carry out a Serious Case Review when a child has been seriously or permanently harmed and abuse and/or neglect is thought to have been a factor along with possible issues about how organisations have worked together.

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.

A Serious Case Review may also look at how they have worked with other children in the immediate family. A Serious Case 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 from what has happened.

Who will carry out the Review?

The Serious Case Review Sub-group oversees Serious Case Reviews (SCRs), with a membership of very experienced senior managers drawn from LSCB agencies. This group makes a recommendation as to whether a Serious Case Review should take place and then it decides the kinds of issues that the review should look at.

How will the Review work?

A panel of professionals from a range of agencies (such as the Health Service, Children's Services and the Police, are led by an independent expert in child protection referred to as the 'Panel Chair'.

Each agency or organisation will provide full details of what services they gave you and your family, over a certain period of time. The panel will meet to review the information and prepare a report.

The aim of this report is to identify whether any lessons can be learned about the way organisations work together to keep children safe, in order to improve services to children and families.

How long will the Review take?

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