



Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Response to the
Serious Case Review of Child A

The Serious Case Review (SCR) was commissioned by the Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) in Autumn 2018 under Regulation 5 of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Regulations 2006. The HSCB found that this case met the criteria for a serious case review and agreed the commissioning arrangements in order to meet the requirements of such reviews as laid out in HM Government 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', 2015 (the statutory guidance at the time).

Working Together 2015 allowed LSCBs to use any learning model consistent with the principles in the guidance, including systems based methodology. Karen Tudor, an independent safeguarding specialist, was commissioned as the lead reviewer to complete the work using a systems-based methodology to ensure full participation by the front line practitioners who had been involved with the family.

To support the process there was a reference group of senior staff from involved agencies which the reviewer used as a sounding board, and where appropriate to provide necessary context on organisational policies and practice. The Learning and Inquiry (LIG) subgroup quality assured the final draft report before presentation to the main HSCB Board.

The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) transitioned to the new Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) in September 2019 in accordance with the new statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018. The HSCP, under the joint leadership of the new Safeguarding Partners, have overseen the completion, publication and response to the SCR into Child A.

This case was unique, in that it met the criteria for a SCR however there was little involvement from agencies with the family other than standard 'universal services', who raised no concerns either at the time or throughout the review process.

Both parents were invited to participate into the review. The Independent Reviewer met with Father following conclusion of the criminal process. Mother declined the invitation to meet with the Independent Reviewer.

No additional learning was identified as part of this process.

HSCP is committed to the publication of SCRs and will alert professionals to the availability of this SCR on its website.