

Case Reviews



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What are Case Reviews?

Previously called Serious Case Reviews, Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews are carried out by the local safeguarding authority (in our case, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly) when a child has died or a child has been seriously harmed and there are concerns about how organisations or professionals worked together to protect the child.

The reviews are published on [Local Authority](#) websites for 12 months and are collated in the [National Case Review Repository](#), managed by the NSPCC. (please note this hyperlink has been pre-set to show Cornwall case reviews but you can change the search term using the box at the top of the page.)

Why are LCSPRs published?

The purpose of reviews is to identify improvements which are needed and to consolidate good practice. Reviews are not enquiries into how a child died or was seriously harmed, or into who is to blame. These are matters for the coroners and criminal courts as appropriate.

Reviews identify improvements to practice to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by:

- establishing what lessons need to be learned from the case about the way in

which professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children;

- identifying clearly what those lessons are both within and between agencies, how and within what timescales they will be acted on, and what is expected to change as a result;
- improving intra- and inter-agency working to better safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The findings from Reviews are translated into programmes of action which lead to sustainable improvements and the prevention of death, serious injury or harm to children.

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly publish Thematic Review Briefings to accompany each review where key findings are summarised.

The NSPCC also create [national thematic briefings](#). Each briefing focuses on a different topic, pulling together key risk factors and practice recommendations to help practitioners understand and act upon the learning from case reviews.

Here are some NSPCC thematic briefings particularly pertinent to primary school settings.

- [Early Years](#)
- [Education](#)

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