



TELFORD & WREKIN SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD [SCB]
SERIOUS CASE REVIEW PANEL [SCR Panel]
ANNUAL REPORT TO SCB
PERIOD 1st APRIL 2008 – 31st MARCH 2009

1. STANDING SCR PANEL MEMBERSHIP

George Branch	– West Mercia Probation
Anne Cole	- T&W Children & Young People
Barbara Evans	-T&W Children & Young People
Kirsty Fisher	- T&W Legal Services (Chair)
Dr Ganesh	- Designated Doctor
David Goss	- T&W Children & Young People
Julie Hartridge	- HM Coroners Office
Shane Lewis	- West Mercia Constabulary
Anthony Rathbone	- Primary Care Medical Adviser for T&W PCT
Audrey Scott-Ryan	- T&W PCT Designated Nurse Child Protection
Mark Turner	-T&W Children & Young People
Francesca Varutti	- NSPCC
Minutes/Support	- officers based at Safeguarding Advisory Service

2. ACTIVITY 1st APRIL 2008 - 31st MARCH 2009

2.1 Meetings

Meetings are diarised bi-monthly to the end of 2009 for the standing SCR Panel to meet.

Meetings took places on 17th April 2008; 19th June 2008; 21st August 2008; 16th October 2008; 18th December 2008 and 19th February 2009

2.2 Work Undertaken

The Panel has considered the following issues:

- Ofsted Descriptors for the evaluation of Serious Case Reviews [published 1.4.08 /final draft dated January 2009]
- Accountability structures /flowcharts for each represented agency.
- Health policy regarding transmission of electronic Person Identifiable Data (PID) and the secure transfer of confidential reports/messages between agencies generally /incompatibility of IT systems

- Review of SCRIP guidance documents and templates, in light of issued Ofsted / GOWM / DCSF guidance/biennial reports published 31.1.08 relating to Serious Case Reviews for 2001-2003 and 2003-2005 /other literature and local information.
- DCSF questionnaire - Independent Authors of Overview Reports [April 2008]
- Coroner's office – updates/information, pending Child Death Overview Panel [CDOP] procedures in place from 1st April 2008 being fully established and relevant links to the CDOP process.
- Contributions to Joint Area Review [May 2008]
- Attendance at / feedback from GOWM W. Mid's Regional Seminar on "Supporting Implementation of Child Death and Serious Case Review Functions" held on 8th October 2008
- Considering request from SCB Executive on 18.9.08 for SCRIP to assist with quality assurance audits and practical arrangements for the same.
- Panel membership changes /changes in working hours.
- Recommendations / Action Plans from 2 discretionary management reviews [i.e. matters not fitting criteria for a serious case review, but from which lessons could be learnt] "Cr." and "C/D"
- Ongoing review/updates to the Composite Action Plan – recording all identified recommendations
- Commencement of new discretionary management reviews on "ST" [Nov.08] and "AV & D P" [Feb.09]
- Ofsted Evaluation Report "Learning Lessons: Taking Action" published 1.12.08
- Ofsted Joint Area Review of Haringey published 1.12.08
- Attendance at / feedback from GOWM meeting in Birmingham 10th December 2008
- DCSF published action note/letter from Beverly Hughes upon SCR's dated 16th December 2008 [including guidance upon independence]
- FOI Requests [responses given to 3 requests]

- The SCR Panel has been fortunate in that it has not been required to consider any matters which meet the criteria for a Serious Case Review during 2008/2009

2.3 Shropshire SCB Serious Case Review "JT"

Under the new procedures requiring independence from the SCB of the Chair of SCR Panel, KF chaired meetings of the Shropshire SCB SCR Panel [including Independent Overview Author] between 16th March 2009 to 11th May 2009.

3. PLANNED ACTIVITY 1st APRIL 2009 - 31st MARCH 2010

- 3.1 To continue to meet as a standing SCRIP bi-monthly and consider discretionary management reviews upon request /as appropriate.

- 3.2 To continue to review standing SCRIP membership [i.e. identified that Cluster representation needed]
- 3.2 To convene Serious Case Reviews for any new matters fitting the criteria for a Serious Case Review [independent Overview Author/independent Panel Chair]
- 3.3 To continue to assist SCB with quality assurance audits
- 3.4 To continue to review the SCRIP guidance documents / templates in the light of:
 - All the above listed published guidance
 - Common issues arising from the Shropshire “JT” serious case review
 - Sample documents/templates received via other SCBs
 - “Understanding Serious Case Reviews and their Impact :a Biennial Analysis of Serious Case Reviews 2005-07” [published 30th June 2009 DCSF]
 - DCSF revised guidance upon Serious Case Reviews [due to be issued for consultation by July 2009 under “The protection of children in England: action plan -The Governments response to Lord Laming” published in May 2009]
 - Any further publications.

KIRSTY FISHER
GROUP SOLICITOR
CHAIR –SERIOUS CASE REVIEW PANEL
14th July 2009