

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	SERIOUS CASE REVIEW - CLARE
DATE OF DECISION:	3 DECEMBER 2020
REPORT OF:	INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

BRIEF SUMMARY

To brief the Panel on the Clare Learning Report, the recommendations and progress to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	That the Panel note the attached Learning Report, and Partnership Response, and discuss progress against the endorsed recommendations with invited representatives from Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership's statutory safeguarding partners.
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	In line with statutory guidance the Local Children Safeguarding Board (now known as the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership) commissioned a serious case review into the effectiveness of multi-agency working in safeguarding a child, Clare (not her real name). Reviews such as these are not about apportioning blame. They are about learning. The report author has made a number of recommendations which have been accepted and endorsed the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership. The Panel are asked to scrutinise progress on implementing the endorsed recommendations.
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ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2.	Criteria met for Serious Case Review
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DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3.	The Clare Learning Report and Partnership Response were published on 3 rd November 2020.
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4.	Clare was murdered age 13 and the perpetrator was convicted and sentenced in 2019.
5.	The Clare Learning Report, attached as Appendix 1, identifies the findings, learning and recommendations. There is also good practice noted within the report.
6.	The Partnership Response, attached as Appendix 2, details the recommendations and the actions / progress made.
7.	The decision to publish the Learning Report was made by the independent chair of the partnership, in consultation with the statutory safeguarding partners (NHS Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group, Hampshire Constabulary and Southampton City Council). The Department for Education and National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel were notified prior to publication as required. The decision rested on the need to balance the duty of care to family members (including any children) and the responsibility to ensure learning is shared widely and understood. This decision was confirmed with family members.
8.	Recommendations and agency activity are monitored on behalf of the Safeguarding Children Partnership through the Serious Incident and Learning Group. Actions for Children and Learning will also be monitored through the Improvement Plan, which provides single agency assurance.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
9.	None at this stage
<u>Property/Other</u>	
10.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
11.	Statutory Guidance, Working together to safeguard children and young people 2015 and subsequent version 2018.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
12.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
13.	The Serious Case Review is about improving practice and identifying learning opportunities to reduce the risk of such events re-occurring.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
14.	The recommendations and learning from this report are important in achieving better outcomes for children in need of safeguarding in Southampton. Corporate Plan 2020: “Working with partners to deliver the ambitions set out in the five-year Health and Wellbeing Strategy, this area looks at wellbeing across the city, with a focus on adults and children’s social care, education and public health. We work closely with partners to help safeguard vulnerable people across the city.”

KEY DECISION?	No	
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All	
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	SSCP Clare Learning Report	
2.	SSCP Partnership Response	
Documents in Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
Data Protection Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?		No
Other Background Documents		
Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
1.	None	