

DECISION-MAKER:	CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	THEMATIC SERIOUS CASE REVIEW: NON-ACCIDENTAL INJURY
DATE OF DECISION:	27 JANUARY 2022
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 Non-Accidental Injury Thematic Serious Case Review, the recommendations and progress to date.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) That the Panel note the attached Serious Case Review Report, and Partnership Response, and discuss progress against the endorsed recommendations with invited representatives from Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership's statutory safeguarding partners.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	In line with statutory guidance the Local Children Safeguarding Board (now known as the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership) in March 2018 commissioned a serious case review into the effectiveness of multi-agency working in safeguarding regarding three infants. 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 by the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership. The Panel are asked to scrutinise progress on implementing the endorsed recommendations.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	Criteria met for Serious Case Review
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	

3.	The Non-Accidental Injury Thematic Serious Case Review and Partnership Response were published on 25 th November 2021.
4.	The Thematic Serious Case Review considers the circumstances of three infants. Two were seriously harmed and one died. Due to the similarities in the age of the babies, the background of their parents and the timespan of the incidents occurring it was decided to consider the cases together.
5.	The Thematic Serious Case Review, 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 3, details the recommendations and the actions / progress made.
7.	The decision to publish the Thematic Serious Case Review 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 National Panel, in their feedback to the SSCP considered the report to be a good example of a high quality review.
8.	Recommendations and agency activity are monitored on behalf of the Safeguarding Children Partnership through the Serious Incident and Learning Group. Actions for the SCC Children and Learning Service 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.

	The 2021-2025 Corporate Plan sets out the following regarding wellbeing in the city: “We want a city in which people can start well, live well, age well, and live happy and fulfilling lives. We will be a city that prevents and intervenes early, promotes wellbeing, and allows people to live independently for longer, enjoying their lives and all our great city has to offer.”
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KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	SSCP Serious Case Review - Overview Report.
2.	SSCP 6 Step Briefing
3.	SSCP Partnership Response – Thematic Review – Non Accidental Injury

Documents in Members’ Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out?	No
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Data Protection Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out?	No
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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