Overview of the Rapid Review and Alternative Learning Activity Process



Serious Harm includes (but is not limited to) serious and / or long-term impairment of a child's mental health or intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. It should also cover impairment of physical health and or death. This is not an exhaustive list. When making decisions, judgment should be exercised in cases where impairment is likely to be long term, even if this is immediately not certain.

> Incident identified by **Local Authority Children's Services** Head of Service notified

Incident identified by organisation (other than Local Authority Children's Services) Information REF incident sent to Partnership Manager

Local Authority Children Services discussion to include Head of Service / Ass. Director whether incident meets criteria for Serious Harm

Partnership Team send incident info from outside agency to Local Authority Children's Services and notify JCR Chair /CCG rep and Police Lead rep

Feedback to Partnership Team from LA Children's

Services, partner reps notified of decision.

No further action. LA may consider Alternative Learning Activity

No Serious harm identified

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Local Authority Children's Services notifies Safeguarding Partnership Manager of intention to submit Serious Incident Referral Form to Ofsted / National Panel and submits JCR Referral Form within 5 working days

Email discussion between 3 Partner reps & Partnership Manager. Possible challenge to decision (regarding Serious Harm threshold) Virtual meeting convened if necessary

Within **2 working days** of referral

Business Unit send out *Referral form and Initial* Scoping and Information Sharing Template and chronology template to all relevant agencies

Date set for Rapid Review Meeting

(This could be a standing Group responsible for overseeing learning from serious incidents or an extraordinary meeting to undertake the Rapid Review)

Consideration of Alternative Learning Activity or Action (this could be; a form of audit, review or **Escalation Policy Process)**

Criteria:

Completed Initial Scoping and Information Sharing Template

and chronology returned by agencies and then shared with

those attending the Rapid Review meeting along with the

Referral Form and any LA notification

Clarity and focus on areas of learning proposed

Reoccurring theme

Exceptional circumstance of interest

Less prescriptive process

 Agreed activity / action to be led by appropriate existing group

Decision made by 3 Partners and Partnership Manager (it may be to not undertake any action)

Day 7or 8

Rapid Review meeting:

- Reviews the facts about the case presented in the documentation
- Agrees any immediate action
- ·Considers the case against the criteria for child safeguarding practice reviews
- Decides whether a practice review or other learning review should take place
- Completes the Rapid Review Template and agrees the recommendation

Within 15 days of the Notification to Ofsted/ National Panel

Rapid Review Template and accompanying letter sent to national Panel. Agencies (including the agency who made the referral) are informed of the outcome of the Rapid Review

Referring agency notified of decision made

JCR Group to make recommendation to ESG of which sub group undertakes QA& learning activity