

# Rapid Reviews – Coffee Break Briefing



## Background

**Working Together 2018** places a duty on local Safeguarding Partnerships to undertake a rapid review for serious child safeguarding cases where: Abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected; and the child has died or been seriously harmed. When a serious child safeguarding case is highlighted to the Safeguarding Partnership, and it meets a threshold for a Serious Incident Notification (SIN), The partnership is required to undertake a Rapid Review and has 15 working days to complete and notify the National Panel of the outcome of the meeting.

<b>What is the Purpose of a Rapid Review?</b>	The purpose of a Rapid Review is to assemble the facts of the case as quickly as possible in order to establish whether there is any immediate action needed ensure a child's safety and the potential for a National or local Child Safeguarding Practice Review(LCSPR).
<b>Who contributes to a Rapid Review?</b>	Any agency that has been involved with the child or family and members of the Quality and Improvement in Practice Subgroup (QiiP). Within <b>2 to 3 working days</b> of the SIN being submitted initial scoping and information requests will be sent to QiiP members and any other agencies identified working with the child/family.
<b>What does my agency need to do?</b>	Within the agreed timescale notified to your agency the completed initial scoping template must be securely submitted to the GSCP Business Unit at: <a href="mailto:gsce@gloucestershire.gov.uk">gsce@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a> . This information will then be shared with those attending the Rapid Review meeting, if your agency is identified as a key agency a representative will be asked to attend, this may be front line practitioners and their manager rather than senior managers.
<b>What happens next?</b>	A Rapid Review meeting will take place to review the facts of the case, agree any immediate action in regards to safeguarding, decide if the case meets the criteria for a National/Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review or other learning review.
<b>What happens after the Rapid Review meeting?</b>	Within the relevant timescale of the Rapid Review meeting taking place the National Panel are notified whether or not the Rapid Review has identified the learning relating to the safeguarding incident or if the Rapid Review Panel advise that a further LCSPR is required. Learning from the Rapid Review in any case should be shared internally in all partners and 'relevant agencies'. If a decision is reached to conduct an LCSPR and this is endorsed by the National Panel, agencies will be contacted to engage with a statutory safeguarding review process. The GSCP Business Unit will coordinate this as per the agreed decision and all agencies must comply under the <a href="#">GSCP's Published arrangements</a> and the <a href="#">Local Safeguarding Practice Review Procedures</a> .