

## Serious Incident Categories

**NB** Please insert the letter and brief description in blue into the [Serious Incident Notification form](#)

<b>a) Suspicious child death</b>	<b>b) Unexpected or accidental serious child injury or death</b>	<b>c) Serious injury or death of a Looked After Child or Care Leaver</b>
Child Death of a child where abuse or neglect is known or suspected	Unexpected death or serious injury of a child in the area (resident or visiting)	the death or serious injury to a Looked After Child (including those who are looked after and are placed in Herefordshire by another authority) or care leaver – this should include any looked after child who is expected to die within 6 –12 months
<b>d) Serious injury or death of a child under CPP / CiN</b>	<b>e) Missing Child who is looked after or subject of CPP/CIN</b>	<b>f) Child who is looked after or subject of CPP, or a care leaver who is homeless or at risk</b>
death or serious injury to a child who is the subject of a CPP / CiN	When a Looked After Child (including a looked after child who is living in Herefordshire and who is placed here by another local authority), a child who is the subject of a CPP or a CIN is missing or absent for 72hrs or more. This applies both to a child who goes missing alone and a child who goes missing with their family, e.g. child removed from the country against the terms of the child protection plan. Includes LAC or CPP who are missing from education.	a child who is looked after or who is the subject of a child protection plan or a young person who is a care leaver who is homeless or known to be at risk of homelessness
<b>g) Refusal of entry to see a child who is subject to CPP</b>	<b>h) Looked after child removed from UK without planning or agreement</b>	<b>i) Suspicion of organised abuse or exploitation</b>
All incidents where refusal of entry to premises is made concerning a child who is the subject of a CPP	Looked After Child removed from the UK jurisdiction when that removal is not planned and agreed	Cases where there is a reasonable suspicion of organised abuse or exploitation of a child. This would include ritual abuse, abuse of a child in a school or education setting (including pre-school), sexual exploitation, trafficking, or network abuse through the internet)

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<b>j) Child alleged to have committed serious offences</b>	<b>k) Child raising public safety concerns</b>	<b>l) Serious breakdown of school/educational setting leadership or protection of children</b>
children cases where a child known to the department has been alleged to have committed, or has been charged with a serious offence(s)	Cases where information about a child or young person has raised significant public safety concerns	When there is evidence of serious breakdown in a school or education setting regarding the leadership of the school /setting or the protection of children
<b>m) Residential Homes or independent school judged inadequate where a child is placed</b>	<b>n) Violence or threats to staff or service user</b>	<b>o) Allegations of gross misconduct</b>
When a residential care home or care placement, or residential or independent school has been judged inadequate and Herefordshire has child(ren) placed there	Incidents of violence or threats against staff, death or serious injury to staff or service user through accident or incident at work	Allegations of gross misconduct against staff
<b>p) Referrals to LADO for allegations of abuse against staff/carers</b>	<b>q) Allegation of harm concerning a Member or elected official</b>	<b>r) Media interest</b>
All cases that are referred to the local authority designated officer (LADO) where allegations of abuse against staff /carers are made and /or substantiated	All cases where there is an allegation about harm to a child or children concerning an Elected Member, Member of Parliament, or any elected official	Cases where there is likely to be media interest
<b>s) Management not resolving serious concerns about a case quickly enough</b>	<b>t) Incidents where there is potential for significant community concern(s) (For YOS use only)</b>	<b>u) Other (professional discretion where other categories are not relevant but there is sufficient concern to escalate)</b>
All cases where there are serious concerns about practice within the department that have not been resolved quickly or appropriately by managers	Herefordshire cases of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death of a young person subject to YOS supervision;</li> <li>• A young person subject to YOS supervision becoming a victim of rape (where a formal allegation is made to the police);</li> <li>• Attempted suicide of a young person subject to YOS supervision;</li> <li>• Young person subject to YOS supervision charged with Murder/Manslaughter</li> <li>• Young person subject to YOS supervision is charged with Rape</li> <li>• A MAPPa serious further offence when the young person is subject to YOS supervision and is already subject to MAPPa</li> </ul>	