



# A FAMILIES GUIDE TO CHILD SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE REVIEWS

## **What is the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership?**

The NSCP brings together all the main organisations who work with children and families across North and West Northamptonshire, with the aim of ensuring that we work together effectively to keep children safe.

## **What is a Child Safeguarding Practice Review?**

A Child Safeguarding Practice Review looks at how local professionals and organisations worked to look after the child or young person at the centre of the Review.

A Child Safeguarding Practice Review may also look at how they have worked with other children and adults in the immediate family.

A Child Safeguarding Practice Review considers what was done, what lessons can be learned for the future and what changes may need to be made. It is not a Criminal Investigation or Public Enquiry and its aim is not to blame but to learn from what has happened.

## **What Will I / We Have To Do?**

You do not have to do anything. However, you will be given the opportunity to give your views about the services you received if you would like to although this sometimes needs to be delayed to take into account any related coronial or criminal proceedings. We can learn a lot from parents and also from children and young people who are old enough to contribute.

## **Who will see the report? How long will it take?**

We are required to produce an Overview Report, which outlines the key findings and recommendations of the review **without** giving personal details. This report is fully anonymised and has to be published on our web site. If there are criminal proceedings these reports are not available until after the end of the trial.

We have found that it usually takes six to nine months from the event that leads to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review to publication of the Overview Report. However, in more complex cases, this can take longer to complete