

# LEARNING FROM DERBYSHIRE SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS AND SERIOUS INCIDENT LEARNING REVIEWS (2013–14)

**We're working with partners to keep children and young people in Derbyshire safe and well.**

In 2013/14 there were two serious case reviews (SCRs) and seven serious incident learning reviews (SILRs). These have highlighted learning and themes that can help our work:

## MESSAGES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND MANAGERS

**We can continue to improve our work by:**

- Embedding the 'Think Family' charter in all professional practice
- Ensuring Children's Plans are **SMART** and focus on positive outcomes for the child
- Effective multi-agency working and information sharing
- Remaining inquisitive and curious
- Supervision Orders being shared with all agencies and consideration given to whether a Child Protection Plan is also required
- Completing all assessments before an agreement is reached to cease a Child Protection Plan
- Discussing disguised compliance and lack of engagement in supervision
- Ensuring all babies are registered with a GP (with particular attention/liaison when families cross borders)
- Ensuring staff observe safe working practices and be reminded of staff codes of conduct (re contact with young people)
- Not having unrealistic expectations of parents' capacity to change
- Remembering that housing is an issue for vulnerable young adults
- Assessing the risks to children when having contact with perpetrators of domestic abuse
- Complete fire safety assessment as part of all assessments

## Themes of Derbyshire SCRs and SILRs:

- Domestic abuse
- Substance misuse
- Vulnerabilities of older children
- Suicide and self harm
- Shaking of babies/youngsters
- Information sharing/multi agency working
- Disguised compliance from people agencies are trying to work with
- Difficulties in engaging some families

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