

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

Reviews from serious cases and incidents between 2008-12 have highlighted learning and themes that can help our work.

Babies

are particularly at risk from abuse and neglect, including:

- shaking
- co-sleeping
- domestic abuse
- methadone used as a soother
- lack of ante-natal assessment.

Teenagers

A quarter of all serious case/serious incident learning reviews have been about the serious injury or death of a teenager. Issues include:

- suicide/self harm
- child sexual exploitation
- offending behaviour
- missing from school, home or care
- difficult to engage.

Parents

The death or serious injury of children and young people often has contributory factors:

- substance misuse
- mental health
- domestic abuse
- hostility/non-engagement
- disguised compliance
- dangerous men.

Messages for professionals and managers

We can continue to improve our work through:

- information gathering, sharing and recording
- getting the whole picture of the child and family – including their history
- critically analysing all information
- prioritising a child's needs above those of its parents
- seeing a child on their own in their home, and where they sleep
- effectively supervising and overseeing cases to encourage critical, reflective practice
- supporting inter-agency working
- reflecting on practice in light of learning from reviews.

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