

Criteria to undertake a Serious Case Management Review

In respect of an adult:

A review must be undertaken in any case where:

- (a) A vulnerable adult¹ has died and where abuse or neglect is known or suspected; or
- (b) A vulnerable adult has suffered serious harm²; **AND**
- (c) *there is cause for concern about how the SB, any of the bodies³ listed or any other relevant body have worked together to safeguard the vulnerable adult*

In respect of a child:

- (a) abuse or neglect of a child is known or suspected;
- (b) the child has died (from any cause, including suicide) or has suffered serious harm;
AND
- (c) there is cause for concern as to the way in which the Safeguarding Board, any of the bodies³ listed or other relevant body have worked together to safeguard the child.

Cases which meet one of these criteria will **always** trigger an SCMR. In addition, even if one of these criteria are not met an SCMR **should always** be carried out when a child dies in custody, in the custody of an institution within the meaning of the Custody Act 1995, detained under the Mental Health Act 1998; or in the care of, or being looked after by Manx Care.

The Board needs to determine that there is significant learning to be gained from the review which, if applied effectively, will lead to substantial improvements in practice in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults in the Isle of Man.⁴

¹ A vulnerable adult is defined in S5 of the [Safeguarding Board Act 2018](#)

² (Serious harm referred to includes, but is not limited to -

- (a) the death of a child or vulnerable adult;
- (b) the suffering by a child or vulnerable adult of —
 - (i) a life-threatening injury; or
 - (ii) impairment to his or her physical or mental health or his or her physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development, where that impairment is serious or likely to be long-term.)

³ Bodies as referred to

- (a) the Department of Education, Sport and Culture;
- (b) the Department of Health and Social Care;
- (c) the Department of Home Affairs;
- (d) the former Departments of —
 - (i) Education,
 - (ii) Education and Children;
 - (iii) Health,
 - (iv) Health and Social Security;
 - (v) Social Care;

⁴ Safeguarding Together