



## **The Serious Case Management Review Panel (SCMRP)**

### **1.0 The Role of the SCMRP**

Under the Safeguarding Act 2018, the Serious Case Management Review Panel (SCMRP) is a statutory panel of the Safeguarding Board (SB).

- 1.1 The role of the SCMRP is to:
- Consider referrals made for consideration of an SCMR and determine whether to commission one or not. If not, another form of review, single agency or a partnership review will be agreed.
  - Approve the appointment of an independent review/overview report author
  - Ensure that relevant SB sub-groups are informed of the recommendations for their action
  - Monitor the delivery of Improvement Plans following completed SCMRs
  - Include in the SB Annual Report, the learning from reviews and their cost
- 1.2 The Safeguarding Board (Qualifications and Procedures) (No 2) Regulations 2019 list the criteria for undertaking a review. These criteria are listed below in Appendix 1

#### *SCMR Process*

- 1.3 A referral form will be submitted to the Independent Chair, for consideration by the SCMRP, if an agency believes that the criteria have been met.
- 1.4 If the criteria are met, brief agency reports are requested from agencies involved in the case and then circulated to SCMRP for discussion.
- 1.5 In the event that consensus is not agreed as to whether an SCMR should be commissioned a vote will be held, the Independent Chair has a second, casting vote should the votes be equally split.

### **2.0 Meetings of the SCMRP and Quoracy**

- 2.1 The SCMRP must meet at least four times a year.
- 2.2 The Independent Chair of the SB will chair the meeting, in the Chair's absence a Deputy Chair will chair the meeting.
- 2.3 If a Deputy Chair is required to chair the meeting, they will be identified and agreed at SCMRP to ensure they are not conflicted with the matters being discussed.
- 2.4 Three members of the SCMRP constitute a quorum.
- 2.5 Membership of the SCMRP is included at Appendix 2

### **3.0 Administration**

- 3.1 The SB Business Manager will attend all meetings and facilitate the work of the SCMRP

between meetings. They will draft the SCMRP agenda for the Chair's approval and ensure the minutes are distributed within two weeks of each meeting.

3.2 The SB Administrator will minute the meetings.

**4.0 Case Specific Review Panels**

4.1 If an SCMR is agreed a case specific review panel will to be established to discuss oversee and support the review and consider the draft Overview Report. The Independent Chair will seek nominations from the SCMRP to form the case specific review panel.

4.2 Each subject of a review will be given a pseudonym, ordinarily a letter of the alphabet, in conjunction with the subject or their family, consideration will be given to using a name rather than anonymised initials if that is more acceptable to them.

4.3 The Independent Chair will chair the first panel and then, if they have agreed to also chair the panel, the independent reviewer will take over. If the independent reviewer does not wish to chair the panel, an independent chair will be appointed-this could be a member of the SB/AIP who is not conflicted

4.4 Appointment of Independent Reviewers will follow the Expressions of Interest Financial Directive. A waiver will be sought from Treasury when it is not possible, due to the specificity of the case, to seek expressions of interest.

4.5 The Safeguarding Board Business Manager will attend all meetings and facilitate the work of the SCMRP between meetings. They will draft the SCMRP agenda for the Chair's approval and ensure the minutes are distributed within two weeks of each meeting.

4.6 The Safeguarding Board Administrator will minute the meetings.

4.7 The Schedule will be completed after each meeting of the review panel and circulated to panel members within seven days of the meeting having been held.

4.8 The decision to publish an SCMR Overview Report or another form of report (eg a Learning Summary) Review Report rests with the Independent Chair and the Safeguarding Board. The principle to publish is accepted

4.9 This publication includes a presentation to Tynwald Members by the Independent Chair if required.

**5.0 Review**

5.1 These ToR will be reviewed on an annual basis.  
Review date July 2022

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Appendix 1 - **SCMR criteria**

*The Serious Case Management Review Panel must conduct a review in any case involving a child where —*

- (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<sup>1</sup>; and*
  - (c) there is cause for concern about the way the following, namely—*
    - (i) the Board;*
    - (ii) any of the bodies listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 4; and*
    - (iii) any other relevant body; have worked together to safeguard the child.*
- (4) The Serious Case Management Review Panel must also conduct a review in the case of a death of a child occurring while the child is—*
- (a) in the custody of the Isle of Man Constabulary;*
  - (b) in the custody of an institution within the meaning of the Custody Act 1995; (c) detained under the Mental Health Act 1998; or*
  - (d) in the care of, or being looked after by, the Department of Health and Social Care. In subparagraph (d) "looked after" has the same meaning as in the Children and Young Persons Act 2001.*
- (5) The Serious Case Management Review Panel must conduct a review in any case where—*
- (a) a vulnerable adult has died and where abuse or neglect is known or suspected;*
  - (b) a vulnerable adult has suffered serious harm; and the condition in paragraph (6) is satisfied.*
- (6) The condition in this paragraph is satisfied if there is cause for concern about the way the following, namely—*
- (a) the Board;*
  - (b) any of the bodies listed in paragraphs (a) to (d) of section 4<sup>2</sup>; and*
  - (c) any other relevant body; have worked together to safeguard the vulnerable adult.*
- (7) Despite anything in paragraphs (3), (5) and (6) a review need not be conducted if, in the opinion of the Chair, it is unlikely that it would contribute significantly to learning and an improvement in safeguarding practice."*

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<sup>1</sup> "serious harm" 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.

<sup>2</sup> (a) the Department of Education and Children; (b) the Department of Health and Social Care; (c) the Department of Home Affairs; (d) the Isle of Man Constabulary;

## **Appendix 2**

### **Membership of SCMRP**

Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Board (Ch)  
Director of Strategic Advice for Education, Department of Education, Sports and Culture  
Executive Director, Social Care, Manx Care  
Head of Quality, Compliance and Safeguarding, DHSC  
Head of Safeguarding, Health Services, Manx Care  
Independent member of the Safeguarding Board  
Interim Director of multi-agency Safeguarding, Safeguarding Board  
Interim Head of Community Rehabilitation, Prison and Probation Service  
Superintendent, Isle of Man Constabulary