

**1****Introduction**

Under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, Safeguarding Children Boards are required to commission Serious Case Reviews when set criteria were met. Following a referral for Child 4, the details of the case were screened and after consideration and consultation with all partners, RBSCP agreed that the best way to extract learning from this case would be a Learning Lessons Review. Due to the nature of the case and circumstances surrounding Child 4's death, some details are omitted from this briefing. The full report will not be published.

**Child 4****Learning Lessons Review****2****Background**

Child 4's mother was known to services across the North West, having carried a concealed pregnancy in another local authority area.

Child 4's mother had a number of previous pregnancies, some of which were terminated.

**7****What does this mean for me?**

- Case records must contain all relevant safeguarding flags or notifications relating to an individual's full history.
- It is important to share information across borders where there are known risks or specific vulnerabilities.
- Familiarise yourself with briefings and information on ACEs and attend RBSCP Training.

**3****Mother's History**

Mother was previously subject to a Child Protection Plan and had suffered abuse as a young child. She suffered with depression and mental health issues as a teenager, which was not properly treated.

Mother had a number of previous pregnancies, with some resulting in miscarriages and some terminated.

Mother was also known to have suffered from Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

**6****Learning**

- Child 4's mother is known to use different names when moving areas, and was difficult to engage with.

**5****Learning**

- Mother moved between local authority areas. She had reported a previous miscarriage to her newly registered GP, and records transferred over did not contain any safeguarding flags.
- Professionals were unable to identify the full extent of mother's vulnerabilities or history of concealed pregnancies.

**4****Learning**

- Child 4's parents were known to have a number of high risk vulnerabilities.
- A Psychiatric Assessment of mother concluded she was suffering from PTSD before becoming pregnant with Child 4.
- Child 4's father was charged with common assault and had been referred to MARAC.