

Southampton Local Safeguarding Board Serious Case Review - Adam & Anna



Media Statement

Keith Makin, Independent Chair of the Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board, said:

“This review highlights the barriers to safeguarding two children, known as Adam and Anna, from child sexual abuse within the family. The Review covers the period from October 2013 when fresh concerns regarding neglect triggered child protection concerns, to July 2017. It explored how effectively agencies worked together to identify and address the risk of child sexual abuse within the family and what is need to improve future professional practice”.

“Southampton LSCB would like to acknowledge the good work and persistent efforts of key agencies that tried to keep Adam & Anna safe, the resilience of Adam & Anna and all children that suffer this kind of abuse”.

“The Case Review highlights a range of issues including sexual abuse, neglect, isolation and poor home conditions and provides key learning for agencies working with children. The LSCB is also implementing training to ensure that professionals from all agencies understand the signs of symptoms of sexual abuse, and feel confident in acting upon their concerns to keep the children safe”.

“Southampton LSCB is committed to working alongside partners in order to ensure that the recommendations are implemented and understood by professionals.”

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The Adam & Anna Serious Case Review & Learning Briefing is available online at the [Southampton LSCB website](#).

Keith Makin was appointed as Independent Chair of Safeguarding Children Board in October 2013. He is a qualified social worker and has held senior positions in social care services for over 30 years. He has worked as a Director of Social Services and as Chief Executive of an independent childcare organisation.