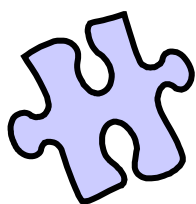


# Key Messages From Serious Case Reviews

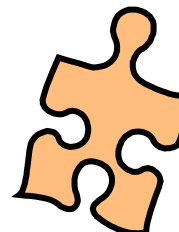


## Children

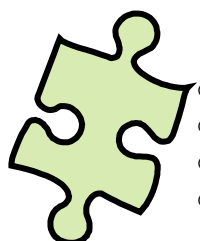
- Most Children who are subject to Serious Case Reviews are known to Children's Social Care.
- They are **ALL** known to universal services.
- Almost half the children who die are under 1 year old.
- Teenagers are the next most vulnerable group.

## Families

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Mental Health Difficulties
- Domestic Violence
- Learning Difficulties



These are all factors that can add to the vulnerability of children that are not always properly assessed when identifying risks for children.

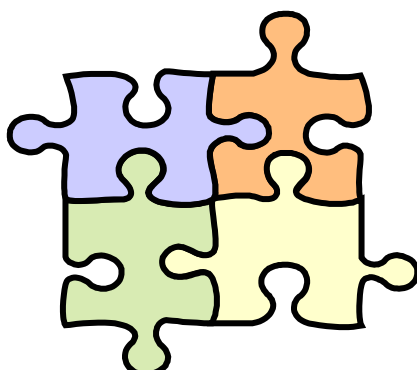


## Listening to Children and Families

- Always try to see children alone
- Give children plenty of opportunity to talk about their situation.
- We do not always believe what children tell us.
- We rely too much on what we are told by parents.

## Practice Issues

- Staff from mainstream services do not always recognise signs, symptoms or risk factors of abuse.
- Professionals are reluctant to share information.
- We accept standards of care that would not be 'good enough' elsewhere.
- Respectful Challenge is an essential tool.
- Accurate recording is the key to good assessments.



For more information about lessons to be learnt from Serious Case Reviews look on [www.derbyshirescb.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirescb.org.uk)

Derbyshire  
Safeguarding  
Children  
Board



Safeguarding  
Children  
Everybody's Business