

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board

Chair's Response to Serious Case Review C 24

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One can never fail to be anything but saddened by the tragic unexpected death of a child. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family of the toddler in this case.

This Serious Case Review arises from the tragic death of a toddler in 2010. The Local Safeguarding Children Board in Torbay strives to ensure lessons are learned in child protection by appropriately commissioning Serious Case Reviews. This review identified comparable learning from previous Serious Case Reviews had not caused the changes required. Therefore, the new senior management team within Children's Services initiated a comprehensive programme of change throughout the safeguarding arena within Torbay prior to this reviews formal completion.

I am heartened and reassured by this significant programme of cultural and business change which is supported by the partner agencies and Local Authority within the Torbay Safeguarding arena.

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board remains firmly committed to ensuring the best possible service for the children of Torbay. The public should be reassured that I, as Chair of the 'Board', shall commission SCRs as part of a continuous process of learning how we can better safeguard children.

Again, my heartfelt condolences go out to the family and loved ones of the child in this case.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Spencer". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Bob Spencer

Torbay Safeguarding Children Board Independent Chair