Publication of Child Safeguarding Practice Review

Warwickshire's Safeguarding Partnership has today (Wednesday 21st August 2024) published the Child Safeguarding Review following the tragic death of Fara.

Elaine Coleridge-Smith, Independent Chair of the Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership said:

"Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) are undertaken when a child suffers serious harm or dies and abuse or neglect is known or suspected. The purpose of a CSPR is to look at how local professionals and organisations worked together to safeguard the child or young person at the centre of the review.

"This review involves the death, in 2020, of a one year old infant. The child died from a cardiac arrest following neglect and their parents were convicted of child cruelty and manslaughter.

"A key recommendation highlighted by the reviewers includes the importance of the 'think child' approach to ensure that identification of the needs and safety of a child is always paramount and that any concerns are reported. Other key points from the review for practitioners to note include: the necessity to involve fathers and understand their role in a family; recognition of the impact of substance misuse; reference to the challenges faced by asylum seekers; the role of GPs and adult services and the need for timely information sharing.

"A number of agencies involved with the family participated the review and will share its learning to inform future practice.

"We must not forget that the young life at the centre of this review has been tragically lost and our deepest condolences go out to their family."