



OSCB press statement

OSCB publishes a Serious Case Review concerning Baby L

Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) has today published a Serious Case Review (SCR) into the death of an 11-week-old boy, referred to as Baby L.

The father of Baby L was convicted of his manslaughter in October 2015.

The SCR examines in detail the involvement of all agencies which came into contact with Baby L's immediate family from the time his mother became pregnant in late 2013, to the time of his death on 18th November, 2014.

The purpose of the review is to identify lessons that can be learned and areas for future work to improve local child protection services.

Independent Chairman of the OSCB Paul Burnett said: "This was a terribly sad case with a tragic outcome and clearly our sympathy rests with those members of the family who loved and cared for baby L. The review has found nothing to suggest that any professional could have predicted that Baby L's father would kill his son.

He added: "The Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board is already working closely with all the relevant partner agencies to ensure that the report's recommendations are fully implemented."

"Having looked very closely at the detail of the case, areas of practice that could be improved have been identified, but notably, the review concludes that there is no evidence to suggest that had these improvements been in place at the time, Baby L's death would have been prevented."