

The chair of Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership, Derek Benson, said: "The death of a child is a tragedy and we would like to offer our sympathies to the family.

"Our job as an independent safeguarding partnership is to look at the events surrounding a case like this and see what lessons can be learned. Our review has concluded that the death of Child H was not predictable or preventable by any of the agencies involved. However, it has highlighted areas for improvement.

"The review process captured learning points for all professionals working with children and families. I am reassured that those agencies involved have acknowledged their areas of learning and have subsequently considered improvement activity with individual action plans which we will review."

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