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**2018 No.**

**The Child Safeguarding Practice Review and  
Relevant Agency (England) Regulations 2018**

**PART 2**

**National Reviews**

**National review criteria**

**3.** The criteria to be taken into account by the Panel for the purpose of section 16B(1) of the Act include whether the case in question—

- (a) highlights or may highlight improvements needed to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, including where those improvements have been previously identified;
- (b) raises or may raise issues requiring legislative change or changes to guidance issued under or further to any enactment;
- (c) highlights or may highlight recurrent themes in the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children.

**Eligibility and selection process for appointment as a reviewer**

**4.—(1)** The Panel must set up a pool of potential reviewers to conduct reviews of serious child safeguarding cases under section 16B(2) of the Act.

(2) The Panel must ensure that the pool of potential reviewers be made publicly available by such means as it considers appropriate.

(3) Where the Panel considers it appropriate for a serious child safeguarding case to be reviewed they must, subject to paragraph (4), select one or more persons from the pool of potential reviewers to conduct the review.

(4) If the Panel considers that there are no potential reviewers in the pool with availability or suitable experience for the review, they may select a person as a potential reviewer who is not in the pool.

(5) Where the Panel has selected a person under paragraphs (3) or (4) they may recommend that reviewer to the Secretary of State who will confirm the appointment.

**Removal of a reviewer**

**5.—(1)** The Panel may remove a person from the pool of potential reviewers at any time.

(2) Where, following a reviewer's appointment but prior to a report or information relating to improvements being published, the Panel determines that a reviewer should be removed from a review, the Secretary of State must remove the reviewer from the review.

(3) Where the Secretary of State removes a reviewer from a review prior to a review being completed, the Panel must consider appointing another reviewer, in accordance with regulation 4(3) and (4).

#### **Payments of remuneration or expenses to a reviewer**

6. The Secretary of State may pay remuneration or expenses to a reviewer.

#### **Panel's supervisory powers**

7.—(1) The Panel must monitor the time being taken to conduct a review and the quality of the review at regular intervals during the course of the review.

(2) The Panel may, for the purpose of assessing the progress and quality of a review, request specified information or a draft report from the reviewer.

(3) Such a request must be made in writing.

#### **Form and content of a report**

8. The report must include—

- (a) a summary of any improvements being recommended to the safeguarding partners, or others, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; and
- (b) an analysis of any systemic or underlying reasons why actions were taken or not taken in respect of matters covered by the report.

#### **Provision of the report and information to Secretary of State**

9.—(1) The Panel must provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State no later than 7 days prior to the date of publication of that report.

(2) Where the Panel decide, further to section 16B(5) of the Act, not to publish the report but only to publish information relating to improvements to be made, they must provide a copy of the report and the information to the Secretary of State, no later than 7 days prior to the date of publication of that information.

#### **Publication of the report and information**

10. Where the Panel publishes a report, or information relating to improvements to be made, the Panel must ensure that the report or information published remains publicly available for a minimum of three years following publication.