Serious Harm includes (but is not limited to) serious and/or long-term impairment of a child's mental health or intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development. It should also cover impairment of physical health. This is not an exhaustive list. When making decisions, judgment should be exercised in case where impairment is likely to be long term, even if this is immediately not certain.

Overview of the Rapid Review Process

Local Authority submits *Serious Incident Referral form* to Ofsted/National Panel *Referral form within 5 working days* of the incident

Local Authority Assistant Director notifies Safeguarding Business Unit of intention to submit *Serious Incident Referral form* to Ofsted/National Panel and *submits JCR Referral form within 5 working days* of the incident

Within 2 working days of referral	Business Unit send out *Referral form and Initial Scoping and Information Sharing Template and chronology template* to all relevant agencies
	Date set for Rapid Review Meeting *(This could be a standing Group responsible for overseeing learning from serious incidents or an extraordinary meeting to undertake the Rapid Review)*
Within 7 working days	Completed *Initial Scoping and Information Sharing Template and chronology* returned by agencies and then shared with those attending the Rapid Review meeting along with the Referral Form and any LA notification
Between 9 and 11 working days of receiving the referral	**Rapid Review** meeting: • Reviews the facts about the case presented in the documentation • Agrees any immediate action • Considers the case against the criteria for child safeguarding practice reviews • Decides whether a practice review or other learning review should take place • Completes the *Rapid Review Template* and agrees the recommendation
Within 15 days of the Notification to Ofsted/ National Panel	*Rapid Review Template* and *accompanying letter* sent to national Panel. Agencies (including the agency who made the referral) are informed of the outcome of the Rapid Review