# Document 2a: Template Letter

## Request for Initial Information

 Date: [insert date]

Dear Safeguarding Leads,

# Child Safeguarding Practice Review – Initial Scoping and Information Sharing

We have received notification of a serious incident which may meet the criteria for a Child Safeguarding Practice Review. We will, therefore, be holding a Rapid Review to consider the case.

To inform the Rapid Review meeting, we need to gather the basic facts about the case and determine the extent of agency involvement with the child and/or any family members. This will help the Safeguarding Partners decide whether to undertake a formal Child Safeguarding Practice Review and to determine the most appropriate method to identify and cascade learning from this case.

We are initially asking agencies to:

1. Clarify whether your organisation had any involvement with the subject child and/or named individuals within the family composition outlined in Section 1 of the attached form.
2. Complete the attached *Initial Scoping and Information Sharing* form if you have had any involvement with the subject child or a member of their family.
3. Secure all records/files in relation to this case, ensuring that they are removed to a secure place where they are not accessible to agency personnel other than through you or your nominated representatives.
4. Keep your agency’s submission in relation to this case separate from the case records/files.

If the child or family is not known to your organisation, please confirm this in writing.

We are required to hold the Rapid Review meeting and agree the way forward within timescales outlined in national guidance (currently within 15 working days). This *Initial Scoping and Information Sharing Form* should, therefore, be returned to us at the address included on the form **within 5 working days**. In this case this will be **[insert submission date].**

If you require any further information please contact [insert contact name and phone number].

Yours sincerely,

Add appropriate signature for NSSCP

Enc: Initial Scoping and Information Sharing Form