

Serious Case Reviews, Near Misses, File Audits and Expert Reports

Martin has significant experience of serious case reviews. He is able to act as an independent chair as well as producing detailed practical overview reports, management reviews and inter-agency chronologies that link the theory, practice and research. Martin is able to communicate well with personnel across all agencies and work within the required timescales. Martin has also built up considerable experience undertaking reviews of cases where there has been a 'near miss' and in many circumstances providing reports commissioned within proceedings where file audits to examine poor decision-making have been court-directed.

Martin is evolving a system of collaborative independent assessments where he links experts with social care staff to undertake the assessments in a way that maximises the confidence and skill development of staff whilst delivering quality reports to secure the essential outcomes for the children involved.