

## Arthur Labinjo-Hughes

The horrendous and cruel treatment of six-year old Arthur Labinjo-Hughes at the hands of his father and his partner has disturbed many of us.

The Government has launched a national review and local inspection 'to determine what improvements are needed by the agencies that came into contact with him in the months before he died.'

See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-action-following-murder-of-arthur-labinjo-hughes>

Secretary of State for Education's response:

In his tweet yesterday, Nadhim Zahawi, stated:

*"Following the murder of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, I can announce that this government is launching a national review into the circumstances leading up to his tragic death to determine what improvements are needed by the agencies that came into contact with him.*

*This will identify the lessons that must be learnt from Arthur's case for the benefit of other children elsewhere in England, to be led by the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel who will work with Solihull safeguarding children's partnership.*

*We are separately commissioning four inspectorates, covering social care, health, police and probation to undertake an urgent inspection of the safeguarding agencies in Solihull to whom Arthur was known. As part of this local inspection, all the agencies tasked with protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect in Solihull will be subject to a Joint Targeted Area Inspection to consider their effectiveness and advise on where improvements must be made.*

*It has long been recognised and evidenced that the most effective way to improve a complex system is to investigate mistakes thoroughly so that reforms can be put in place to ensure it never happens again. We are determined to protect children from harm and where concerns are raised we will not hesitate to take urgent and robust action. We will not rest until we have the answers we need."*

It is worth to remind ourselves that if you are worried about anyone, you should talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) without delay. Below you will find useful contact numbers as well.

Children's Services Referral and Advice Service:	<b>0300 555 0050</b>
Adult Social Care Team:	<b>0300 555 0055</b>
Out of hours Emergency Duty Team:	<b>0300 555 8574</b>