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Background

This child attends nursery and lives with their siblings and one parent.

An Early Help assessment had been done and a team of multi-agency professionals was in place to support the family. This is known as a Team around the Family or TAF.

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Safeguarding Concern

A home visit identified that there were neglectful home conditions that were severe enough to raise concerns about safeguarding for the children.

A multi-agency practice review was convened to examine how practitioners had supported the family and how well the lived experience of the children had been understood by the Team around the Family. The review focussed on home visits and the understanding of home conditions.

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Findings

The parent had developed trusting working relationships with professionals, this had been impacted by Covid19 restrictions and the parent's mood was affected.

Lockdown restrictions arising from the pandemic had lessened the opportunities for face to face visits and therefore professionals' knowledge about home conditions.

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Findings

Plans were not reviewed frequently enough; information sharing between meetings could have been better.

There was some delay in acknowledging and investigating the concerns that the children had raised about their home conditions.

Housing acted quickly to assist with concerns once aware of them.

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Recommendations

Team around the Family Practice Standards will be updated to ensure timely multi-agency review of the TAF plan.

Findings of this case review report will be shared with the Neglect subgroup to inform their workplan.

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Recommendations

A briefing on the Team around the Family process will be developed and shared with key agencies.

Training for multi-agency professionals on working with men in families will be further developed and promoted.

Access working with men training here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCcEs7WL2Ag>

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Implementing Change

Find out about Dad Matters Salford here:

[Salford – Dad Matters](#)

Access information about Housing providers here:

<https://safeguardingadults.salford.gov.uk/guidance-pages/housing/>

Access training on Parental Mental Health here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hq967gB8ODY&t=5s>



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