

“Chloe” 7 Minute Briefing

1. Background

This case relates to a young baby. The family circumstances are complex and the parents have moved around a lot, moving between local authorities, and presenting as homeless.

There was a history of domestic abuse (DA) within the family that spanned three generations.

2. Safeguarding Concern and Incident

A domestic abuse incident between the parents resulted in Non-Accidental Injury (NAI) to the child.

Examination of the child revealed other historic injuries.

3. Findings

The review found a lack of professional curiosity regarding “hidden males”, and care and responsibility for other children.

The late booking of the pregnancy and numerous missed antenatal appointments were not explored within the wider safeguarding system. This may have triggered further assessment.

4. Findings cont....

Relevant information about recent domestic abuse incidents was not accessed by the health visitor prior to an opportunistic unscheduled visit. This may have triggered further exploration in addition to routine DA enquiry.

There were missed opportunities for services to offer additional support to a pregnant woman presenting as homeless.

5. Recommendations

Homelessness pathways to be updated to ensure:

- i) All pregnant women who present as homeless are asked about midwifery appointments and GP registration
- ii) Information about vulnerable pregnant adults is shared with other relevant agencies

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- iii) Links are made with generic health services when a pregnant woman presents as homeless

Maternity service pathways to be updated to ensure:

- i) Professional curiosity regarding hidden males and care and responsibility for other children

ii) Concerns regarding late booking and missed antenatal appointments are discussed with the wider multi-agency system

7. Implementing Change

Reflective sessions will be held with professionals to ensure learning is implemented into practice.

Electronic SRFT patient records have been updated to ensure information given to new parents , for example, [ICON](#) (how to cope with a crying baby) is routinely recorded.

Learning from this review links in with other work ongoing within the SSCP regarding working with males in families. Access working with men training here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCcEs7WL2Ag>

Additional Information

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