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Background

A recent case review highlighted several recurring themes including:

- Domestic Abuse
- Neglect
- Cultural Consciousness
- Voice and Lived Experience of the Child
- Involving males in safeguarding work
- Impact of parental mental ill health on parenting
- Information sharing
- Challenge and Escalation
- Professional curiosity
- Risk of homelessness
- Working with families.

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Learning

This case review highlighted that although the child and siblings were on a Child Protection plan, the children had not been seen at home due to being unable to gain access to the property. Statutory child protection visits had taken place at their school. When police were finally able to gain access to the property, it was discovered that home conditions were very concerning and not suitable for children to live in.

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Child Protection (CP) Visits

[Multi Agency Safeguarding Procedures](#) state that the child must be seen alone at least every 4 weeks in between each CP Conference. Records of the visit must include specific information about meals and sleeping arrangements plus any information gathered or observations made during the visit e.g. home conditions and the child's presentation and behaviour.

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Working with Families

The SSCP has developed guidance for [creating strength-based partnerships with families in Salford](#)

This guidance includes a view of practice through a trauma informed lens and consideration of why families may find it difficult to work in partnership with professionals.

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Further SSCP Resources

- [Professional Curiosity](#)
- [Working with Males](#)
- [Positive Fatherhood](#)
- [Neglect](#)
- [Information Sharing](#)
- [Homelessness & Finances](#)
- [Cultural Consciousness](#)
- [Voice of the Child](#)
- [Domestic Abuse](#)
- [Parental Mental Health](#)
- [Housing | Salford](#)
- [Safeguarding Adults Board](#)

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Challenge and Escalation

Professionals from any agency who are not happy with the progress of a CP plan or who disagree with a decision that has been made, can, when all other avenues to resolve the disagreement have failed, utilise the [GM Resolving Professional Disagreements policy](#) and the [SSCP Effective Challenge and Escalation policy](#).

More information can be found on the [Escalation 7MB](#)

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When parents don't engage

When a child is subject to a Child Protection plan, and a parent/carer refuses to allow them to be seen at home, this should be escalated. There must be discussion with line managers, Core Group members, and the CP Conference Chair about the next steps. This may include an earlier Review Conference or other urgent action to be taken. Consider liaison with the housing provider to facilitate access to the property.

Additional Information

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