



TORBAY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership Scope for Multi Agency Case Audit (Linked with C86)

Background

A Rapid Review (RR) was undertaken following serious injury to an 8 month old baby resulting in 20% burns and a fractured skull.

Whilst the Rapid Review panel did not make recommendation for a Local Safeguarding Practice Review to be undertaken, the TSCP Executive have directed that a Multi-Agency Case Audit (MACA) be undertaken to establish the extent to which the themes identified within the RR are common to practice across the Partnership at the current time.

Purpose of the MACA

Multi-agency case audits consider:

- The effectiveness of frontline practice in protecting children and young people
- How well the learning from previous MACAs, recent SCRs/CSPRs has been embedded and translated into practice
- The impact of that learning on improving outcomes for children and young people

Objectives of the Audit

Based on themes identified within the Rapid Review, the MACA will seek to:

Understand the extent to which professional curiosity effectively considers risk to children and young people where multiple adversities are known within the family, for example domestic abuse or substance misuse

Understand how professionals consider the risk and protective factors associated with birth fathers/males within the household

Understand the extent to which safety planning considers risk to unborn children where the primary focus of an assessment is an older sibling

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Understand the extent to which the Professional Differences Policy is used to support effective challenge between professionals, resulting in a positive outcome for children and young people

Understand the extent to which the impact of maternal ill mental health upon parenting capacity is understood by professionals

Understand the extent to which Covid-19 had an impact on the interventions and engagement by parents on outcomes for children and young people

Identification of Cases

A cohort of 15 cases to be identified where there was engagement with key services through 2020, and the following are a feature:

- An unborn baby & older sibling
- Domestic abuse/substance misuse
- Maternal ill mental health

Professional engagement in the MACA

To ensure that the objectives of the audit are effectively met, and to support robust analysis of the cases, there should be contribution from the following partners:

Children's Services
Midwifery
Public Health Nursing – Health Visiting
Primary Care - GP
Adult Substance Misuse services
Adult Mental Health Services
Early Years
Police

Timeline for Audit

Audit to take place in April
Final draft of report presented to the Business Group in May
Best Practice Seminar/Learning to be disseminated in June

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