



Key Learning Points from Case Reviews - March 2014

Local Serious Case Review

1. Consideration of the significance of concealed pregnancies
2. Full consideration of (even) minor injuries to pre-mobile infants
3. Placing current concerns in the context of past history
4. Listening to, and taking account of, the views of others, including members of the public
5. Recognising that other professionals may have information to provide a fuller picture
6. A child being returned from care must be subject to a child in need plan, which involves other key professionals
7. Being clear about who the child is and what family relationships are important
8. Involving key family members in assessments

National Serious Case Reviews

1. Adults may set out to deliberately to deceive the professionals they had contact with
2. The importance of the assessment of the impact on children of domestic violence and alcohol abuse
3. Recognising the value of multi-agency assessments
4. Ensure that there is an understanding of the child's experience of living in the family
5. Some children are targeted within the family for abuse and neglect, even when older siblings have been well cared for

Local Partnership Review

1. Disruptive behaviour and mental health issues pose difficult issues for both social care and mental health services
2. Services were provided within professional silos, rather than recognition of the need to jointly manage complexity
3. Limited availability of placement choice impacts on the quality of placements
4. The complexity of managing out of Borough placements
5. Full information needs to inform the finding of urgent placements
6. Full information needs to be shared with new placements