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**Case Note for Child A (15 years) , on 26- Aug- 2021 , of type C&F Check point 2 (Within 25 working days)**

**Part 1 - Contact**

From Context Of	Child A (15 years) (Ref: ██████)
Contact Date	26-Aug-2021
Time	00:00
Type of Contact	C&F Check point 2 (Within 25 working days)

Rel	Name	Age	At Contact	Int?	Seen?	Alone?	Bed?	Assm?
<i>Children / Young People involved in this Case Note</i>								
<b>Self</b>	Child A	15 years	15 years					None

Reason for Contact

**Day 20 checkpoint discussion with Social Worker**

**Detailed Notes**

Social Worker: Social Worker  
 Team Manager: Team Manager  
 Supervision completed by Senior Practitioner

**Update since last supervision / review previous actions [CF15]**

**Review the chronology and update by 16.08.2021**

Completed

**Update Case Summary by 16.08.2021**

Completed

**Establish Mother's parenting capacity and whether alcohol/substances are a current feature in her parenting and establish whether she is receiving support from CGL or needs this support. by 20.08.2021**

Mother and Child A are not staying at their home address. Social Worker has been working with Mother to explore her parenting capacity for the C&F assessment. Social Worker reports that Mother has not disclosed any current alcohol use. Social Worker asked about the history of alcohol use and Mother said it is in the 'past'.

**Action: Social Worker to complete an alcohol audit tool with Mother**

**Establish if Mother is in a relationship with AL as he is a known sex offender by 12.08.2021**

Social Worker has explored this with Mother and she reports that she has is not in a relationship with this individual and this was a previous relationship in the past

**Complete safety planning around emotional wellbeing , potential alcohol use and Mother's relationships i.e. is she still in a relationship with a known sex offender by 20.08.2021**

Social Worker to write this up as a draft, explore this with Mother and Child A and write safety plan on case summary

**Action: Social Worker to write a safety plan in draft, explore/discussion with Mother and Child A. Discuss safety plan and review it on every home visit to ensure that it is working and adjust if required**

**Support Child A with his emotional wellbeing and support the family to access counselling/support during assessment period**

Social Worker reports that Mother had called Winston Wishes in her presence and that they have a three month waiting list.

**Action: Social Worker to contact Winston wishes for a referral form for counselling, Social Worker to explore Time for You Relate (counselling for young people) 024 7622 5863. Social Worker to explore Guys Gift for counselling also**

**Complete C&F assessment by 02.09.2021 (day 25)**

On-track to complete this

**Mother to continue to get support from Coventry City Council regarding housing ongoing**

Mother is on Band 3 on the housing and after 56 days she will be on 1A. Social Worker is trying to get hold of Housing Coventry City Council but they have emailed reported that they will review banding in 56 days. Mother is not going to be looking at house swap as her name was not on the tenancy as it was in the Father's name only. Social Worker reports that the council have advised private rented property or temporary accommodation but Mother has refused this offer as she does not want to keep moving. Social Worker reported that the older sister is wanting her Father's council house, however, this may not be possible because usually when someone passes away, the home goes back into the housing allocation, unless the older sister was already on the tenancy.

## Part 2 - Write Up

Analysis of information

**What is life like for the child(ren)? And how do we know this?**

**Education**

*Child A attends education and he attend The Link which is an alternative provision. His attendance is good. School have been worried about the friends that Child A knows as he has a wider circle of friends outside Coventry. He has been engaging with positive choices project. School checks have been completed.*

**Action: Social Worker to contact positive choice project to see if they are still involved with Child A**

**Health**

*Physical Health:- No current physical health issues. Registered with Doctors, not dentist or opticians*

*Emotional Health: Awaiting for a CAMHS intervention for Mental Health/Autism. Been on waiting list March 2019, was known to crisis team in 2020 for suspected alcohol/drugs use. His Father has passed away from suicide and he reports that he has not cried about his Father's death. The funeral is on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Child A reports that he would like counselling to help deal with his father death. Previously self-harmed in the past but this is not a recent issue for him.*

**Action: Social Worker to ask Mother to explore and register Child A with Dentist and Opticians Action: Social Worker to explore counselling support services for Child A such as Winston Wishes, Time 4 U or Guy's gifts**

**Action: Social Worker to explore with Mother to contact her GP for counselling support. Social Worker to explore whether Mother would engage with MIND Support Services as they offer counselling support.**

**Family**

Father, has recently committed suicide and was found in the family home by Mother. Social Worker reports that Mother had attempted to try to be in a relationship with Father. They were living together but they did not rekindle their relationship. Mother has disclosed previous domestic abuse her relationship with Father. Child A is living with his Mother at Sister's home address as Mother does not want to return to the home address as this was where Father, Father died and Mother had found him. Following Father's death, it has been an unsettled time for Child A as he is not living in his home, he has been sofa surfing with his Mother at his two sister's home address. The family are navigating and experiencing the loss of Father. Social Worker reports that Mother works 8 hours a day and during these times Child A stays with his oldest sister who is 24 year old.

### **Risk of Harm**

Child A is at risk of emotional harm due to the death of his father. He is sofa surfing with his Mother at his sister's home address. He has experienced the loss of his Father who previously suffered from mental health issues due to the loss of his Mother. Child A has previously been on a Child Protection Plan and CIN plan in the past and is known to Children Services.

### **What is the safety plan for the child/family?**

Child A reports that he likes to be left alone when he is feeling upset and struggles to cope with his emotions i.e. does not show them outwardly. Child A can speak to his friend or speak to his Mother or Sister T for support such as going for a walk or doing something together.

**ACTION:** Social Worker to explore the safety plan with Mother and Child A such as if he is feeling upset in school who can talk to as well as who he can support him at home when he is feeling low. Are social work visits in timescale?

Completed

### **Is Criteria for Supporting Families Met – what outcomes are evidenced?**

The criteria is met due to housing need

### **What is working well?**

- Child A is doing well at school (The Link)
- Child A and Mother are willing to work with Children Services
- Prior to meeting Mother has registered on Home finder
- Mother loves Child A and observed a warm and loving relationship
- Mother is currently on sertraline 5mg once a day for her mental health which has been prescribed by her doctor
- Child A has a best friend of 13 years
- Mother has supportive friend who has offered her home whilst on holiday
- Mother and Child A have support from Grandmother L (Mother's Mother)

### **What are we worried about?**

- Child A struggles to understand instructions from his Mother and is easily distracted
- Child A has not been assessed by CAMHS and has been on the waiting list for nearly 3 years.
- Child A emotional and mental wellbeing, he has not expressed any emotions following the death of his Father
- Mother's emotional and mental well-being as she found Father after he died and is working long hours to support the family
- Mother and Child A are homeless and sofa surfing at family member's homes
- Mother's and Child A have experienced of domestic abuse by Father
- Mother and Child A supportive system is limited in Coventry as Mother's entire family are in Stoke on Trent
- Mother had experienced domestic abuse and what was the impact on her and Child A
- Mother reports that she is in debt as the debt was run up by Father but she has to pay it due to the debt being in her name

### **How worried are we that the child may suffer significant harm?**

#### **Scaling**

*(Scale 0=no safety to 10=proposing to cease involvement or reduce level of direct intervention)*

Social Worker scores it as a 6 as Child A has lost his father in a tragic way, he is currently sofa surfing with his Mother at his sister home but he does not have access to a bed in his sister home address. School is due to start and this is protective factor for him as he enjoys school most of the time.

Senior Practitioner scores it as a 5. Child A has lost his Father but his lived experiences was not always consistent as highlighted in the chronology. He has been known on and off over the years to Children Services with family breakdown, parental alcohol use and poor mental health. He is waiting for CAMHS assessment. The worry is that Child A life is unsettled as he does not have a home and he is experiencing the loss of his Father.

**Reflection and Challenge:** *reflect on the experience of working with the child and their family. What tools have been used (with the child or others) to gain further information about potential strengths or worries? Team manager's opportunity to hypothesise with the practitioner.*

Direct work has been completed – 3 houses, emotional and behavioural cards, things about me and telling me about myself worksheets.

The emotional impact of Child A losing his Father is potentially a long-standing worry as he has only just lost his father and the impact of this on Child A is unknown. He potentially has Autism and finds it difficult to process things such as emotions. The housing situation is a worry as they have a home but are not returning to the home address, the tenancy was in Father's name also. It is positive that Child A has support of his sisters who are supporting the family with providing Child A and Mother housing.

Action	<p><b>What needs to happen next and how will we know these actions are making a difference for the child? (Actions, desired outcomes &amp; measures, who will be responsible? SMART recording)</b>  SOS Mapping to completed <b>by 27.08.2021</b></p> <p>Write up the home visit completed <b>by 27.08.2021</b></p> <p>Write C&amp;F assessment <b>(25 days) by 02.09.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to complete an alcohol audit tool with Mother as alcohol was a feature in her past by <b>27.08.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to write a safety plan in draft, explore/discussion with Mother and Child A, to explore safety at home and School i.e. who can Child A talk to at School. Discuss safety plan and review it on every home visit to ensure that it is working and adjust if required <b>by 27.08.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to contact positive choice project to see if they are still involved with Child A and what support they are offering <b>by 27.08.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to ask Mother to explore/ register with Dentist and Opticians <b>by 02.08.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to explore counselling support services for Child A such as Winston Wishes, Time 4 U or Guy's gifts <b>by 02.08.2021</b></p> <p>Social Worker to explore with Mother to engaged with her GP to signpost her to her GP for counselling support. Social Worker to explore whether Mother would engage with MIND counselling <b>by 01.09.2021</b></p> <p>Write danger and safety goals and share with Mother <b>by 01.09.2021</b></p>
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