

Coventry City Council  
Area Team – South (S)



Child: Child A	
Full Name	Child A
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Case Number	[REDACTED]
Gender	Female
Referral Start Date	14-Feb-2020

Chronology

Event Date	Event Details	Outcome	Document Ref
14-May-2010	<b>Strategy Discussion:</b> Fire service raised concerns of firearms, weapons and drug paraphernalia being seen at Sib 1's father's flat and evidence that Sib 1 had been staying there. Further concerns raised regarding maternal Grandfather who is on bail for sexual assault of two teenage males in the 1970's.	Core Assessment commenced.	
09-Jul-2010	<b>Child in Need plan</b> in place to support Sib 1 and family	Concerns around Mother's maturity and knowledge around safe parenting e.g. leaving Sib 1 to sleep on double bed when downstairs.	
03-Dec-2010	<b>Case Closure:</b> The family are no longer living with maternal Grandfather and Sib 1 is having no contact with him. There have been no concerns raised regarding home conditions of the family property and Sib's Father (father) has stopped smoking cannabis.	Case closed to Coventry Children's Services	
30-Jan-2014	<b>New Contact:</b> Concerns raised by Cinderella Primary School stating that Sib 1 often appears grubby or wearing inappropriate clothing, e.g. her nightie under her uniform or sandals in the winter. Sib 1 shared at school that Sib's Father slept in her bed.	<b>No further action:</b> School were recommended to initiate a CAF if appropriate.	
21-Mar-2014	<b>New Contact:</b> Concerns raised by Cinderella Primary School following previous referral. There have been several comments made by Sib 1 reported that she has been slapped by Mummy and had her eyebrow shaved by Daddy. Sib 1 has looked generally grubby at school, particularly her feet.	<b>No further action:</b> Child and Families assessment concluded there were no concerns for Sib 1 or Sib 2 identified.	
25-Nov-2015	<b>New Contact:</b> Referral received stating that Mother has slapped Sib 1 to the back of the head and left side of face outside school. School confirm there are no injuries observed and Mother has been referred for Triple P Parenting support.	<b>No further action:</b> CAF to be held through Snow White Primary School.	
12-Jul-2017	<b>New contact:</b> Anonymous referral received stating that the children are often seen out on the streets late at night and Mother is often seen being rough and calling the children 'spazzes'. The caller stated that someone had visited the family home and Mother and her partner, were performing sexual acts on each other.	<b>No further action:</b> Child and Families assessment concluded that the family could be supported on a CAF level 3 to ensure contact between Maternal Grandfather and the children is supervised and Mother has the support required.	
13-Jul-2017	<b>New contact:</b> Referral made by Probation Service stating that Maternal Grandfather was released in April 2017 following a 132 month sentence for historical sexual offences against adolescent males. Maternal Grandfather has stated that he would like contact with his Grandchildren and Probation felt a risk assessment would need to be completed.	Link to previous referral (received yesterday 12/07/2017)	
07-May-2019	<b>New contact:</b> Police had picked Sib 1 up after she had left the family home and said she was going to her fathers. Police returned her to her mother's care. Children's Services advised the family has previous involvement but were subsequently closed.	<b>No further action</b>	
13-Jun-2019	<b>New contact:</b> Referral received by Sib's Father (father to Sib 1 and	<b>Diversion to Early Help Support</b>	

	Sib 2) stating that Mother was not able to look after the children well enough. He stated she has removed the door handles to the children's bedroom so they cannot leave, does not feed them properly and they are often hungry and him and Mother often shout and argue in front of the children.		
21-Jun-2019	<b><u>New contact:</u></b> Snow White Primary School raised concerns Sib 1 had stated her mother had grabbed her round the neck and pushed her against the wall.	<b>Diversion to Early Help Support</b> following Child and Families assessment.	
19-Dec-2019	<b><u>New contact:</u></b> Referral received from Early Help worker raising concerns around Mother potentially taking the door handles off the children's bedroom doors - they are seen to be on when the worker visits. Also concerns that Sib's Father buys gifts for Sib 1 and not Sib 2 and Sib 1 deleting text messages between her and her father.	<b><u>No further action:</u></b> More information required through direct work with Sib 1. Building Blocks to be completed with Mother. The family will continue to be support with Early Help support.	
22-Jan-2020	<b><u>New contact:</u></b> Snow White Primary School have referred concerns after Sib 1 showed the learning mentor a small round bruise on her right wrist and stating that 'Mummy did it'.	<b><u>No further action:</u></b> Recommended this is discussed further with Mother and Early Help worker who the family are being supported by currently.	
17-Feb-2020	<b><u>New contact:</u></b> Referral received from Early Help Worker, she raised concerns around ongoing disclosures from Sib 1 of physical chastisement and Mother removing the door handles to keep Sib 1 and Sib 2 in their bedroom. Worker feels that there has been no progress made with Early Help supporting the family.	Child and Families assessment commenced.	
10-Mar-2020	Joint home visit to family with Early Help worker: Early help worker shared her worries around inappropriate physical chastisement and behaviour management. Mother seemed to find it difficult to understand the need for Children's Services involvement but agreed to engage in the assessment and accept support.		
18-Mar-2020	<b><u>Self Isolation:</u></b> The family are self isolating due to Sib 1 being sent home from school with Covid-19 symptoms. She has a cough and a high temperature. The family will self isolate for two weeks.		
03-Apr-2020	<b><u>Emergency Duty Team Contact:</u></b> Sib's Father called to say he had taken Sib 2 and Sib 1 for some exercise and Sib 1 said she had bruises on her hip as Father (Mother's partner and father to Child A) had thrown a book at her. Sib 2 said she had bruises on her arm as Father had pinched her. Sib's Father said there were bruises on Sib 2's arm and Sib 1's hip.	Sib's Father said he would be keeping Sib 2 and Sib 1 with him over the weekend until the allocated social worker returned on Monday.	
06-Apr-2020	<b><u>Strategy Discussion held</u></b>	Joint Section 47 enquiries commenced.	
06-Apr-2020	<b><u>Child Protection Medical</u></b> of Sib 1, Sib 2 and Child A	It concluded Sib 1 and Sib 2's injuries were consistent with their disclosure. Child A had a bruise behind her ear and on her nose, Mother stated this was due to falling off the top bunk bed over the weekend which Sib 1 and Sib 2 confirmed.	
07-Apr-2020	<b><u>Concerns around supervision</u></b> Mother was asked how Child A had fallen from the top bunk bed. Mother stated 'I told Child A to get down, she didn't so I just left her'. Child A then fell from the top bunk on to a doll's house.		
09-Apr-2020	Father (Child A's father) is voluntary interviewed under caution regarding the physical abuse concerns.	Father denied the concerns of physical abuse towards Sib 1 and Sib 2. The investigation is still ongoing	
15-Apr-2020	<b>Initial Child Protection Conference request</b> was made.	Awaiting confirmation of date	
15-Apr-2020	Letter of involvement has been provided to Coventry Family Court following Mother making an application for a Child Arrangements Order.	See documents	

16-Apr-2020	<b>Initial Court Hearing - Private Law</b> Child Arrangements Order and Prohibited Steps Order granted. Sib 1 and Sib 2 are to remain living with their father, Sib's Father, until further assessments are completed by Children's Services and CAFCASS. Mother is not to remove the children from their father's care or from an educational setting.	Next hearing on <b>20th May 2020 at 10am</b> for a First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointment.	
24-Apr-2020	<b>Child Protection Conference held</b>	<b>Sib 1, Sib 2 and Child A are made subject to a Child Protection Plan under the category of neglect.</b>	
27-Apr-2020	<b>Concerns around supervision</b> Child A was observed during a home visit to climb into her travel cot - she almost fell as she got to the top bar. Mother made not move to help her and this was called to her attention by the allocated social worker.		
04-May-2020	<b>1st Core Group</b> meeting held remotely	All in agreement with the Child Protection plan	
18-May-2020	<b>Parenting Assessment Session 1</b> with Sib's Father and Sib's Father's partner	Covered formative years, education and employment	
19-May-2020	<b>Concerns around supervision</b> During a home visit the allocated social worker walked into the living room and Child A was stood on a swivel office chair, Mother told her to get down. During the visit Child A was climbing off the back of the sofa - the allocated worker held on to Child A and Mother made not attempt to stop or safeguard her.		
20-May-2020	<b>Second Court Hearing - Private Law</b> Discussions were held around the ongoing hearings and the CAFCASS guardian's report was shared. Contact arrangements were clarified and Mother was ordered to return Sib 2 and Sib 1's tablets to their fathers house.	Next hearing on <b>15th July 2020 at 12pm</b> booked.	
27-May-2020	<b>Parenting Assessment Session 2</b> with Sib's Father and Sib's Father's partner	Covered family relationships, substance misuse, physical and mental health and criminal convictions.	
29-May-2020	Funding approval received for Cognitive Functioning assessment of Mother to commence.	Virtual assessment booked for 10/06/2020.	
01-Jun-2020	West Midlands police confirm there will be no further action from their enquiries into the reported physical abuse perpetrated by Father towards Sib 2 and Sib 1.		
01-Jun-2020	<b>2nd Core Group</b> meeting held remotely	Progress discussed with the actions from the plan	
03-Jun-2020	<b>Parenting Assessment Session 3</b> with Sib's Father and Sib's Father's partner	Covered criminal convictions, past relationships and current relationship.	
04-Jun-2020	<b>Family Group Conference</b> - Mother and Father's support network came together to design their own support plan for the family	See documents	
08-Jun-2020	<b>Concerns around supervision</b> On arrival for home visit the living room door was shut and Mother answered the door to the allocated social worker. Child A was in the living room on her own - it was discussed with Mother Child A should not be left alone in a room, even if for a short time.		
10-Jun-2020	Cognitive Functioning assessment completed of Mother over Zoom.	Awaiting full report from Phoenix Psychology.	
27-Jun-2020	Sib's Father completes <b>conflict management course</b> provided by Relate.	Sib's Father reports he found it helpful to understand the impact parental conflict may be having on Sib 2 and Sib 1 and will ensure he keeps Sib 2 and Sib 1 away from any animosity/arguing between him and Mother.	
29-Jun-2020	Cognitive Functioning Assessment report received.	The report concludes Mother has a significant global impairment in her intellectual functioning. It is felt likely this is innate (natural) but further compromised by trauma in Mother's childhood. A full	

		psychological assessment would be required to further comment on the impact of this trauma. A PAMs assessment was recommended for assessing parenting capacity.	
06-Jul-2020	Sib's Father's partner is threatened by Mother's brother, J. He approached her outside her flat and said 'watch what's going to happen to you and Sib's Father'.	Sib's Father's partner has made a complaint to the police and this is being investigated.	
06-Jul-2020	<b>3rd Core Group</b> meeting held remotely	Discussion around progression of the Child Protection plan prior to the Review Child Protection Conference on 13/07/2020.	
08-Jul-2020	<b>Concerns around supervision</b> Child A climbed on to the windowsill during the home Visit. The allocated social worker commented three times to Mother that Child A needed to be taken down. Mother commented that the window locks were on so Child A couldn't fall out, but could not see the risk of Child A falling backwards. Child A also climbed on to the arm of the sofa and stood up during this visit - Mother did not comment or act.		
13-Jul-2020	<b>Child Protection Conference held</b> - Mother became extremely angry and upset during the conference, shouting at conference members, and left the call for around 10 minutes.	<b>Sib 2, Sib 1 and Child A continue to be subject to a Child protection plan under the category of neglect.</b>	
15-Jul-2020	<b>Third Court Hearing - Private Law</b> Discussions were held around the contact between Mother and Sib 2 and Sib 1. The following times/days were agreed for face to face contact to be at the local church and supervised by Vicar or Librarian (Vicar/Librarian – support for Mother): <b>Wednesday 2:30pm-4pm</b> <b>Saturday 2:30pm-4pm (from September - Wednesdays 3:30pm-4.45pm)</b>  Coventry Children's Services were instructed to complete a Section 37 report.	Next hearing to be confirmed as soon as possible.	
23-Jul-2020	Mother stated her neighbour had found Sib's Father in her garden at 3am in the morning hiding behind her trampoline.	Neighbour was spoken to over the phone who stated this was untrue and Mother had asked her to say this had happened to Children's Services but she would not lie.	
27-Jul-2020	Mother's mother posted a Face book status threatening the allocated social worker and Sib's Father and his partner (see documents).	Mother's mother was spoken to by the allocated social worker but was abusive and angry. She agreed to take the post down but continued to be verbally aggressive and hung up the phone.	
27-Jul-2020	<b>Concerns around supervision</b> During a home visit Child A was climbing on to her highchair which tipped slightly as she was climbing. Father told Mother to watch her as she was right next to Mother. Child A climbed up three times and each time Father told Mother to get her down.		
08-Aug-2020	PAMs assessment commenced of Mother and Father by independent social workers.	The assessment will be completed by the start of November 2020.	
01-Sep-2020	Drug testing received regarding Sib's Father:  May 2020 June 2020 July 2020	All negative for cannabis and cocaine.	
29-Sep-2020	WISH (domestic abuse direct work charity) have accepted to work with Sib 1 and Sib 2 around their experiences of the negative relationship between their parents.	Fortnightly sessions to begin with Sib 1 and Sib 2 at school.	
04-Oct-2020	<b>Parenting assessment of Sib's Father and partner completed.</b>	Positives conclusion for both and no concerns highlighted for the couple to meet the needs of Sib 1 and Sib 2 (see documents).	

05-Oct-2020	<p><b><u>Concern around door handles</u></b>                  The living room door handle was turned upside down - the allocated social worker asked why this was the case, Mother said the safety catch the church had bought had broken so Child A could open the door. the allocated social worker asked Mother why it is an issue Child A being able to open the door if Mother was always with her? Mother did not answer. The door handles to the kitchen door were missing. Mother said it is broken and she needed to call Citizen to get the door fixed. The allocated social worker asked Mother to have the door handle the right way round and have called Citizen by the next time she came round.</p>		
06-Oct-2020	<p>PAMs assessment for Father has not commenced due to him not making any contact with the independent social worker. Father has been chased by the allocated social worker too on multiple occasions.</p>	<p>The PAMs assessment will be a single assessment of Mother.</p>	
19-Oct-2020	<p><b><u>Concerns around door handles</u></b>                  The allocated social worker asked Mother why the living room door handle was still upside down - she said the door catch is broken and this is the only way she can stop Child A from getting into the kitchen. The allocated social worker advised she needed to ask if the church can replace the catch but in the meantime the door handle needed to be turned, as she had asked her to do this on the previous visit. Mother agreed she would do this by tomorrow.</p>		
21-Oct-2020	<p>Three sessions completed with Mother by family support worker around supervision, guidance and boundaries and routines</p>	<p>Mother engaged well in the sessions but found it difficult to provide examples of how to implement this with Child A. NSPCC building blocks will now take over with work with Mother.</p>	
22-Oct-2020	<p>Mother has made a police complaint regarding Sib's Father's partner stating she is committing fraud by claiming Sib 2's disability allowance. Sib's Father is currently in receipt of this benefit and therefore there does not appear to be any truth in the complaint.</p>	<p>Mother has chosen to raise this at the next court hearing.</p>	
02-Nov-2020	<p><b><u>Concerns around door handles</u></b>                  The allocated social worker asked Mother why the living room door handle was still upside down - she looked awkward and looked to Father to answer. The allocated social worker stated the door handle needed to be turned up the right way by the end of today as this is the third time she has asked them to do so. Mother said she had no way of keeping Child A out of the kitchen - the allocated social worker advised she could buy another catch for the door and needed to ensure Child A was supervised at all times so she cannot wonder into the kitchen. The allocated social worker raised how worried she was about this as it has been the third time Mother has been asked to move the handle.</p>		
09-Nov-2020	<p><b>PAMs parenting assessment of Mother completed</b> (see documents).</p>	<p>The assessment made the following recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The assessment recommends the Local Authority in the first instance considers what alternative care arrangements away from Mother could be made for Child A given our significant concerns and risk of serious significant harm she is exposed to in her mother's care.</li> <li>2. The second recommendation would be a full psychological assessment of Mother and to identify any appropriate psychological therapy given the sexual harm during her childhood and impact this is likely to have</li> </ol>	

		<p>had on her functioning, and assess her capacity to change.</p> <p>3. The third recommendation is that Sib 1 and Sib 2 should remain in the care of their father, subject to any assessment the Local Authority has made of his and his partner's capacity to meet their needs. Mother, by her own admission, cannot manage all three children; we have serious concerns about her capacity to parent Child A and keep her safe let alone two further children.</p>	
09-Nov-2020	<p><b>Concerns around supervision</b> The PAMs assessors raised they had significant concerns for Mother's supervision of Child A. They stated they had been parked outside the home and Child A had walked out of the open front door, down a full flight of concrete stairs and towards the main road without Mother realising.</p>		
11-Nov-2020	<p><b>Safety plan created</b> and shared with Father and Mother (see documents)</p>		
16-Nov-2020	<p>Child A will now attend Prince nursery Monday - Thursday full time (8:30am-4:30pm) and Friday mornings (8:30am - 11:30am).</p>		
18-Nov-2020	<p>Daily visits required as the nursery has shut due to a Covid-19 outbreak.</p>	<p>Announced and unannounced home visits to be completed daily.</p>	
03-Dec-2020	<p><b>Concerns Mother and Father have not been following the agreed safety plan.</b> Child A is continuing to be collected from nursery at 11:30am rather than Mother allowing her to stay all day. Mother has been seen by someone in the community on Saturday 28th November on her own with Child A. Child A had scratches on her stomach which were reportedly caused by the cat but were not reported by Mother or Father to children's services.</p>	<p>Emergency court hearing scheduled for Monday 7th December 2020 at 11am to seek removal of Child A into a foster placement.</p>	
07-Dec-2020	<p><b>An Interim Care Order was granted in respect of Child A for her to remain at home</b> whilst a PAMs assessment is completed of Father and an updated assessment is completed of Mother.</p>	<p>An updated safety plan was created and shared with Mother and Father - with the support of Pam (reverend at church) acting as an advocate - see documents.</p>	
08-Dec-2020	<p><b>WISH has concluded their work</b> with both Sib 1 and Sib 2 and has not recommended any further intervention. Their safety plans have been uploaded to documents and shared with Sib's Father.</p>		
09-Dec-2020	<p><b>Fourth Court Hearing - Private Law</b> The judge adjourned the hearing to March 2021 and requested an updated Section 37 from the local authority in respect of the public law proceedings initiated with Child A and consideration to be discussed of Mother's capacity to represent herself in these public law proceedings given she requires an advocate in the public proceedings.</p>	<p>Updated statement to be sent to the courts by 15th January 2021.</p>	
11-Dec-2020	<p><b>Case Management Hearing @ 2pm</b> Discussions around required assessments for Mother and Father. Safety plan remains in place. £40 given to Mother and Father as they have no gas and electric or nappies for the weekend.</p>	<p>Next CMH scheduled for 10th March 2021 following completion of cognitive functioning assessment for Father, capacity assessment for both Father and Mother, Psychological assessment of Mother and join PAMS assessment of both Mother and Father.</p>	
14-Dec-2020	<p><b>Child Protection Medical</b> Nursery report Child A has bruises including one significant bruise to her thigh. Mother and Father have no knowledge of how this was caused and did not notice it that morning.</p>	<p><b>Conclusion of medical -</b> The significant bruise to Child A thigh measured 1.5 x 1.5cm and the doctor stated it is likely Child A would have cried at the time of the injury. The Doctor was unable to determine the cause of the bruise but stated '<i>not clear if grab injury as it's in an odd place</i>'. When asked by</p>	

		the Doctor Mother and Father stated Child A may have been kicked by her half-sister. The doctor concluded it is a concern that Mother and Father did not notice the injury when dressing or changing her nappy and suggested there was a significant lack of supervision of Child A during the medical and at home.	
17-Dec-2020	Nursery contacted to say <b>Child A has a small bruise</b> above her elbow on her right arm. Image in documents.	Mother and Father stated they had not noticed this and do not know how it was caused.	
18-Dec-2020	Mother reports maternal grandmother witnessed Sib's Father's partner slapping Sib 2 outside school on Friday 11th December. It was questioned why this was reported 6 days later to children's services. Mother could not provide an answer.	Snow White Primary School completed direct work with Sib 2 to explore this. Conversation had with Sib's Father and Sib's Father's partner - both completely deny this occurring and feel it is malicious following the court hearing last week. Sib 2 has no injuries and has made no disclosures.	
21-Dec-2020	Mother and Father have refused to take Child A to nursery on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th December	Breach of Safety Plan.	
22-Dec-2020	<b>Mother and Child A seen in the community by allocated social worker unaccompanied by Father.</b>	Breach of Safety Plan.	
04-Jan-2021	Mother and Father have not taken Child A to nursery on 4th and 5th January.	Breach of Safety Plan.	
06-Jan-2021	<b>Child Protection Medical</b> Child A returned to Nursery today after Christmas Break (should have returned 4th) and unexplained injuries have been reported by nursery, which Mother and Father claim not to have seen.	<b>Conclusion of medical</b> - Bruising, scratch marks and flea bites on Child A. The preliminary findings are that Child A has suffered or is at risk of suffering significant harm and there is a possibility of ongoing neglect.	
11-Jan-2021	<b>Child Protection Medical</b> Nursery reported several more bruises - two of which on inside of Child A's thighs. Mother and Father stated Child A ran into a kids table at home.	<b>Conclusion of medical</b> - Dr Doe stated 'some concerns about mechanism' regarding the explanation of running into a table. Dr Doe concluded in the provisional medical opinion ' <i>boundaries are not in place - care is challenging for parents. Injuries to multiple areas concerning for excessive handling resulting in bruising and scratches. In view of prior concerns, although each single injury may have an explanation, the collective picture is concerning.</i>	
13-Jan-2021	<b>Urgent Court Hearing - application for removal made by the local authority.</b>	The hearing was adjourned until Friday 22nd January 2021 at 10am whilst parents capacity assessments are completed.	
19-Jan-2021	<b>Child Protection Medical</b> Nursery and Mother reported a bruise to Child A's right cheek. Mother stated this was caused when Child A ran into the door frame the day before at maternal grandmothers' home.	<b>Conclusion of medical</b> -  The doctor raised concerns for the multiple Child Protection medicals that have been required of Child A over the last few weeks. She concluded Child A had one bruise to the bony prominence of her cheek which could be consistent with the narrative given by parents.	
21-Jan-2021	Addendum Child Protection medical statement to confirm Child A is not liable to bruising due to her premature breast development.	See documents.	
04-Feb-2021	Injuries to Child A's hip and knee observed at nursery - body map in documents.	No Child Protection Medical required due to injuries being consistent with Mother's narrative of Child A falling into the stair gate.	
09-Feb-2021	<b>Initial Looked After Child review</b> for Child A.	All professionals attended and the care plan was updated.	

