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Case Note for Child A(10 years) , on 26- Jun- 2020 , of type CF15 Case Supervision

Part 1 - Contact

From Context Of	Child A(10 years) (Ref: █████)
Contact Date	26-Jun-2020
Time	00:00
Type of Contact	CF15 Case Supervision

Rel	Name	Age	At Contact	Int?	Seen?	Alone?	Bed?	Assm?
<i>Children / Young People involved in this Case Note</i>								
Self	Child A	10 years	9 years					None
Brother	Child B	15 years	15 years					None

Reason for Contact **Supervision**

Detailed Notes

What is life like for Child B and Child A

For Child B and Child A lockdown (COVID-19) has exacerbated parental verbal domestic abuse, controlling behaviour of dad and scapegoating the children and their disabilities as a way of deflecting away from their parenting capacity, especially dad.

Their lived experience is listening to mum and dad arguing, being caught up in verbal altercations, mainly around their older sister who is 18 years old or about Child B's behaviour.

Child B and Child A have told the social worker that they have been in the middle of these arguments and have heard their dad being horrible to their mum and sister which has made them feel worried and frightened. They know their dad is controlling and don't want their parents to separate.

They have told the social worker that they like when she is involved as she makes their family life better.

On Wednesday 24th June 2020, none of the children slept properly following the recent Domestic abuse incident, and this led to the children needing to have Thursday 25th June off school.

The children are used to dad drinking and getting aggressive, which would appear to have not been shared with the social workers during the last intervention.

The children are also exposed to dad's poor mental health, Dad threw a packet of paracetamol at mum and Child A and told them he had taken an overdose and was mum's fault he was going to die.

The other lived experience is a chaotic home life, and the children copy the behaviours of their parents that they observe. Mum then shares these behaviours the children display which leads to referral to services and the behaviour is being linked to the children's additional needs rather than their experiences at home and learnt behaviour.

Education

Child B attends Corley and Child A attends Limbrick Wood Primary School and are attending during COVID-19.

Corley share that mum was giving Child B sweets to share in school to make friends.

Care package

There are no care packages in place as the children can access community short breaks and other after school activities in the community.

Risk of harm

There are concerns regarding the parents relationship, domestic abuse is a feature which the children have been exposed to as well as dad's mental health. There has been a recent incident where Child A has been exposed to dad stating he had taken an overdose and blaming this on mum.

There is also concerns regarding the dad's alcohol use which the children have been exposed to.

In relation to both parents there are concerns regarding their ability to safeguard their children as the above information has not been shared with social workers who have recently been involved and they appear to blame the children's presenting behaviour on their disability, however this could be attributed to their lived experiences at home.

The social worker has liaised with a number of professionals recently and it would appear that mum likes professional involvement and seeks referrals from services in relation to the children's current behaviour and stating it due to their disability.

Safety plan verbally put in place last night by the social worker which includes dad not being at the home address.

Family

There has previously been a family group conference and this plan will need to be revisited in light of the new concerns and possible parental relationship separation.

Child B and Child A's sister is 19 years old so will not need to be open to Children Disability Team, however Adult Safeguarding needs to be explored as she has a diagnosis of autism.

Dad used abusive and inappropriate language in front of Child B and Child A about their sister Sibling A which resulted in Child A slapping dad.

Mum is reporting that she has ended the relationship with dad, however they have been in a relationship since she was 19 years old and they have continued to resume the relationship following marital affairs which Laigha are aware of (unclear whether the children have heard this during an argument).

Health

Child B has a diagnosis of autism and is receiving support from CAMHS.

Child A has a diagnosis of autism, severe bowel problems, sensory processing disorder.

Part 2 - Write Up

Analysis of information

What is working well?

- No concerns with the children's presentation
- Child B, Child A and their older sister have been open with the social worker following the recent Domestic abuse incident.

What are we worried about?

- Concerns around the toxic trio within the family, there is domestic abuse, parental alcohol misuse and mental issues in relation to dad.
- The children have been exposed and witnessed on-going verbal abuse and control by dad towards mum.
- Dad has been verbally abusive towards the adult sibling, Sibling A who had additional need and this has been witness by Child B and Child A.
- The presenting behaviour of Child B and Child A and not linked any additional needs, but rather learnt behaviour from parents.
- Child B has been diagnosed with ADHD and Autism, he has complex needs linking to his mental health.
- Concerns regarding the impact of Covid-19 on the family, as this appears to have show what the children have been experience prior to COVID which appears to have been concealed.

Danger statement

Social care are worried that the parents own relationship and personal issues (mental health and alcohol for dad) are impacting on their children, in terms of emotional abuse and parental neglect.

Social care are also worried that the children may have learnt some of their presenting behaviours from what they have experienced in their home environment which parents are claiming the behaviours are linked to their diagnosis's rather than environmental factors.

Safety statement

Social care want Child B and Child A to live in a house free from arguments between their parents in front of them and not be blamed for behaviour they copied from parents.

Scaling - 3

Action

What needs to happen

1. Social worker to contact West Midlands Police to obtain the Domestic Abuse incident details - 1 working day
2. Strategy meeting to be arranged for Monday 29th June 2020 - to be completed today
3. Safety plan to be written and signed by all parties within 3 working days
4. Social Worker to speak to dad
5. Direct work to be completed within the children in school - within 5 working days.
6. Social worker to explore POVA for Sibling A in relation to risks posed to her (Adult Safeguarding) within 3 working days

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