

GOOD PRACTICE EXAMPLE

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Case Summary Recording Template

The period the summary covers: 12th January 2012 – 8th April 2012

Summary of developments:

(Any significant events, changes to the plan, progress of planned interventions, child and families views of and engagement with plans etc)

Jack, Stacey and Katie remain on a child protection plan under the category of neglect and the last child protection review conference was held on the 12th January 2012. At this time concerns were raised regarding the conditions within the family home and the children's school attendance. Jack Stacey and Katie continue to reside with their mother Natalie, although they have contact with their father on a monthly basis outside of the family home. There have been no concerns regarding the children's contact with their father, and he continues to attend child protection core group meetings.

A referral was made in January 2012 for additional parenting support from the family support worker based within the children's school. Joan Richmond (School name, telephone number) began working with the family at the end of January and has visited Natalie on her own and with the children twice a week. Natalie also attended a parenting group, based on the Webster Stratton Model and this is due to complete at the end of April. Reports from the group suggest that Natalie has attended all sessions and has engaged well.

Core Group meetings were held on the 20th February 2012 and 26th March 2012. Reports from these meetings suggest that Jack, Stacey and Katie's attendance at school has increased and they have been able to reflect improved routines within the home to workers allowing them to attend school more regularly. Jack's behaviour within school has improved although he continues to receive one to one and group work support designed to improve his self-esteem. There have been no concerns raised by the children's school during this period and report that the children are attending school in appropriate clothing, and appear more confident within classes.

The home environment has been observed on a regular basis and there have been appropriate levels of food within the house, although ongoing support is required to improve the general cleanliness within the property. The children have reported that are happy living with their mother, and like going to school every day, and think Joan has helped Mum a lot.

Natalie appears to be engaging with support appropriately and this is reflected within the children's improved school attendance and the home conditions, although Natalie and the children have both commented that this requires further improvement. This is confirmed through worker's observations within the home. Although improvement has been observed, ongoing support will be offered around the maintenance of these improvements and therefore the children will remain on the child protection plans and this will be reviewed in July 2012.

Future plan of work/Outstanding tasks:

(Reference should be made to the action required, by whom, by when and how this will be reviewed)

To improve the hygiene within the home focusing initially on the Kitchen and bathroom. Looking at cleaning products and techniques used as well as cleaning practices in line with routines, see below.

By whom: Joan Richmond

By When: To be reviewed at the next Core Group Meeting

To improve evening routines by ensuring dinner is at a regular time and homework is completed when set.

By whom: Joan Richmond

By When: To be reviewed at the next Core Group Meeting

The children are to attend school every day on time. If there is an appropriate reason why the children are not within school Natalie should contact the school before 9am.

By Whom: Natalie

By When: This will be reviewed weekly by the school and Joan Richmond, and if the children are not within school will contact the children's social worker.

Social worker will continue to visit the children within statutory timescales. They will complete both unannounced and announced visits and the children will be seen alone at each visit. These visits will review the conditions within the home as outlined within the child protection plan.

By Whom: Social Worker

By When: Every 15 working days

The children will continue to have contact with their birth father and undertake positive activities outside of the family home.

By Whom: Father

By When: Continuing monthly.

Date of next Review: 2nd July 2012

Contingency Plan

(If progress is not being made against the current plan, or additional concerns arise identify alternative plans)

If the children's attendance deteriorates to an unacceptable level a referral will be made to the attendance improvement team. However currently it is felt that appropriate support it is in place and that Natalie is engaging with this support.

If Natalie does not engage with support services, or the home conditions deteriorate further, more intensive support will be explored such as family intervention service. If there are increased concerns regarding the children's welfare legal advice will be sought regarding instigating the public law outline.

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Record as:

Type: Summary

- **Sub Type: Three month**

Guidance only -This section should not be copied into ESCR activity

- *A case summary should be completed every six months*
- *This is a concise overview (approximately 300 words) of any significant events and changes that have taken place in the child or young person's life over that period.*
- *This summary will outline the progress of the child's plan and outstanding actions*
- *The intention is to provide a focus for analysis and planning on cases*
- *Summaries should be discussed within supervision. If another document on the case file appropriately summaries events over the period covered this can be cross-referenced to avoid repetition (Such as LAC/CP review report).*