

Children's Social Work Service

Good Practice Example

CORE GROUP MEETING

Date of Core Group:	09 th May 2012	Chair of meeting:	Social Worker Name
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Child / Young Person's Details

Name :	D.O.B :	Ethnicity :	Address (if different from family address):
Child 1	01/01/2006	White British	4 Blue Dale Road, Leeds, LS30 2PL
Child 2	08/08/2004	White British	4 Blue Dale Road, Leeds, LS30 2PL

Family Address :	4 Blue Dale Road, Leeds, LS30 2PL
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Family's Details

Name	Relationship	Address
Parent 1	Mother	4 Blue Dale Road, Leeds, LS30 2PL
Parent 2	Father	4 Blue Dale Road, Leeds, LS30 2PL

Core Group

Name	Relationship / Agency	Invited	Attended	Apologies
	Parent 1	x	x	
	Parent 2	x	x	
	Lead Social Worker	x	x	
	Head teacher of primary school	x	x	
	School Nurse	x	x	
	Family Aide Worker	x	x	
	Leeds Addiction Unit	x	x	

Safety Statement / Outline Plan

Desired Outcome	Action(s)	By Whom	By when
Contact with family to be maintained to monitor progress against the plan and to safeguard the children.	Social Worker to visit family including unannounced visits. The children are to be seen alone during visits, and to be seen in the home environment and with family members.	Lead Social Worker	Every 15 working days
Father to reduce level of alcohol use (Also see Leeds	Father to continue to attend sessions with the Leeds	Father and Leeds Addiction Unit.	Alcohol diary to be maintained for two weeks.

Addiction Unit plan)	Addiction unit and follow advice as given. Alcohol diary to be maintained, and planned reduction to be followed.		Plan to be reviewed in 3 weeks with Leeds Addiction Unit.
Development of parenting skills to ensure that children's basic care needs are met	Family aide to attend family home at 8am Monday, Wednesday and Friday to support development of morning routines. Also Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm to develop evening routines. Areas to cover, children's hygiene, cleanliness with the home, and boundary setting. Parents to be available for these sessions and to fully engage with the family aide worker.	Parents and Family Aide Worker	Began on the 13 th August 2012. Family Aide review meeting to be held on the 3 rd September 2012. If progress made number of days will reduce, and be reviewed after six weeks.
Children's dental health to be maintained	School nurse to make a referral to specialist dental clinic. Parents to ensure that the children brush their teeth every day and make and attend regular dental appointments.	School Nurse Parents	17 th August 2012 Check up appointment to be made by 17 th September 2012. Dental routine, twice a day, daily. Six monthly dental appointments, or upon advice of dentist.
Children's school attendance to be above 90%	Parents to ensure that the children have a morning routine, supported by family aide (see above) and to ensure that the children attend school every day on time. Any absences are to be reported to school before 9am with appropriate reasons provided. School to contact the social worker to raise any concerns around the children's attendance at the end of each week, or on the day of absence if the children have not been in attendance for more than two days or without appropriate reasons provided.	Parents School and Social Worker	Ongoing throughout Summer Term. To be reviewed at the next Core Group Meeting on the 18 th June 2012 if no concerns raised. Weekly update, or daily if children have been absent from school without appropriate reason.

Key decisions at Core Group Meeting

- Some improvement was noted in the children's school attendance at the meeting and it was agreed for the Children's targeted attendance to increase in light of the support to be offered by family Aide.
- Father has begun to attend Leeds Addiction unit. His views were that 'it's good, and it helps, but it's still early, I know I still need help'
- Family Aide is to support the family intensively to begin with and then this is to reduce to support empowerment of the parents.
- There have been no further incidents of violence within the family home during this review period.

Revised Risk Statement

- (Have any of the risks been addressed? Are there any new risks identified?)

- The children are at risk of neglect when their basic care needs are not being adequately met by their care givers, including attending school regularly and having their health needs met.
- Parental alcohol use places the children at risk of both physical and emotional abuse in light of parental behaviour at these times.

No new risks have been identified. Both parents are currently engaging with support services in place, although it has not yet been possible to fully review the progress of these interventions. Father continues to use alcohol regularly although he is now attending sessions with the Leeds Addiction unit. Therefore the risk statement continues to be appropriate.

Safety measures now in Place

(What is now in place that fully addresses / mitigates risk?)

- Social Care are undertaking visits every 15 working days both announced and unannounced.
- Parents are maintaining a higher level of communication with school and the children's attendance has improved.
- Family Aide are currently supporting the family in identifying routines and boundaries within the home and to improve parenting skills.
- Father has begun to attend the Leeds Addiction Unit to address his alcohol use.

Further Actions

Date of Next Core Group	18 th June 2012	Lead Social Worker	
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Management Information

Signature of Lead Social Worker	Social Worker	Date	11/05/2012
Signature of Team Manager	Team Manager	Date	11/05/2012

At the first Core Group Meeting, or if significant changes have been made to the Child Protection Plan capture family signatures.

Family information

Signature of parent/carer	Parent 1	Date	14/05/2012
Signature of parent/carer	Parent 2	Date	14/05/2012
Signature of child(ren) (If appropriate)	Child 2	Date	14/05/2012