

Child T- SSCB Concise Review - 2015

This was a care case of a young girl who moved to Southwark in 2012, aged 13 years. This case was subject of a concise review held by the SSCB. As this case is not a Serious Case Review it will not be published so I cannot put the slides with all the case details in intranet pages.

The brief summary is that she suffered sexual abuse within the household. She became pregnant as a result, presenting at 5 months gestation to her GP. She was home schooled thereafter. Following the birth initially her baby was put into foster care, but then she resumed care of her baby and moved out of the family home. She spent some time as a Looked after Child with her son in 2 different foster placements. Child T did not disclose the abuse until her baby was 7 months old, calling 999. The perpetrator is currently in prison.

Child T went on present with low mood and suicidal ideation. The concise review was held specifically due to the child sexual exploitation Child T later suffered, with allegation of rape by 2 men, with subsequent allegations of sexual exploitation.

Many agencies were involved in her care, over the whole safeguarding spectrum including health, education, police and social care both before and after her disclosure. The purpose of the concise review was to examine interagency working and establish signs of grooming by peers.

Focussing on primary care key Child T registered in three different surgeries over the 13 month period and there were lots of examples of good clinical practice.

Two key areas of notes:

- **Patient registration-** in that key information is given at registration that can alert the practice to social history e.g. at one practice the social worker was recorded as NOK. Please consider ensuring your practice has a mechanism whereby patient registrations which may present safeguarding concerns are flagged up to the safeguarding lead e.g. cases of private fostering, do you ask about any current social worker involvement?
- **Out of hours contact-** Child T used NHS 111 and Seldoc frequently. Please review the mechanism you would have in your surgery for picking this up.

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