



Statement on Behalf of Hull Safeguarding Children's Partnership

Baby B SCR

The Hull Safeguarding Children Board commissioned a serious case review after Baby B sustained serious head injuries in December 2016, which were assessed as being non-accidental.

Whilst these injuries were not fatal, they were life changing for the child and on behalf of the whole safeguarding partnership I extend my deepest sympathy to all those affected by Baby B's injuries.

The review identifies a number of lessons regarding social work practice and management, which have also been highlighted in the Ofsted inspection, and these lessons have now been prioritised within the wider improvement plan for children's services.

The review specifically identified weaknesses in multi-agency practice for reviewing a child in need, how organisations challenge each other in the best interests of a child, as well as being clear that all professionals need to be particularly attuned to domestic abuse in children's plans.

The wider children's services improvement plan includes the commissioning of a three-year Signs of Safety programme to deliver multi-agency training which is due to commence in October this year. Additional multi-agency learning events are also taking place focusing on this, and other, serious case reviews.

All those involved in the review cooperated fully to consider how agencies work together and to ensure that the lessons learnt will help keep children safe.

Anyone who is worried about the welfare of a child or young person can share the information confidentially via www.hull.gov.uk/worried or 01482 300 300, or through www.nspcc.org.uk or 0808 800 5000.

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