

# **Neglect of children and young people – Salford’s response**

Background and Action Plan

# Messages from Serious Case Reviews and Case Management

- Challenge
- Quality of Assessment
- Working together –multi-agency working
- Early intervention
- Recognising individual needs i.e. culture
- Practice

# Case 17 Background

- Dec 2009 – Referral to Trafford Children’s Services.
- April, May and July 2011 - Referrals to Salford Children’s Services from the children's school.
- November 2011 - Referral from Nursery Worker.
- Nov 2011– Reviewed as Child in Need
- May 2012 – Closed to CSD
- August 2012, Jan and March 2013 - 3 further referrals (2 from school, 1 from PANDA unit) – similar to previous concerns.

# Case 17 Background

- April 2013 - Initial Child Protection Case Conference convened.
- DISC involved.
- Sept 2013 Public Law Outline (PLO) initiated.
- October 2013 – ICPC in respect of the unborn baby.
- December 2013 – PLO dismissed, case managed at child protection. December 2013 – baby born
- January 2014 - Deceased

# Case 17 – What are the lessons?

## Lessons Learned

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- Long term impact of Neglect
- Good practice identified on reviewing this case- information sharing, joint visits
- The Graded Care Profile should have been commenced earlier
- When is good enough truly good enough as opposed to being just better?
- What was it like for the children living in this house?
- ‘The Unseen Child’

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# SSCB Neglect Audit

- Multi-Agency Practice Audits Sept 2015
- Practitioner and Community reluctance to intervene
- Systems Model approach
- 2 'live' cases – long-term involvement
- Strengths/Concerns
- Areas for Improvement
- Multi-Agency actions

# Salford Analysis

- 'Fixed' thinking from workers can be avoided by gathering a cumulative picture over time
- The graded care profile should be used in all cases of neglect concerns (child F) as early as possible
- The need to chart chronic neglect on a multi-agency basis (child D)

# 3 Key Objectives

- To improve the awareness and understanding of neglect, both within and between agencies working in Salford and including adult services. This includes a common understanding of neglect and the thresholds for access to services.
- To improve the recognition and assessment of children and young people living in neglectful situations before statutory intervention is required, including the use of appropriate assessment tools.
- Developing and sustaining an agreed, early Multi-agency response to neglect.



# Neglect Strategy Proposals

- Closely linked with Early Help Strategy
- Definition
- Guiding Principles
- Action Plan
- Communication and Training
- Governance
- Neglect Champions/Data Leads
- Measuring Outcomes