

GUIDANCE FOR CASE NOTE SUMMARY ON ICS

Child/Young Person - family details/living arrangements.

Past Harm – to include a summary of historic worries/Children Services involvement

Future Danger – What we are currently worried about happening (explicit detail about the concerns)

Safety or Wellbeing plan (This will be different depending on Plan – CP/CIN/SEND/Early Help/Assessment)

- What is the current intervention?
- What are the factors which are reducing the risk/enhancing wellbeing
- Safety Network involved
- Any contingency/safety plan which the network should be implementing which could be checked out if referred back to Social Care

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NB Consider if there are any risks which need to be highlighted for staff safety (e.g. if a visit or meeting needs to be undertaken in pairs)

Case note summary is to be updated as a minimum – every 3 months or if there is a significant event

Case note summary - example

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Unborn is the third child of parents _____ and _____, they are all living together at the family home with both parents. They have the support of Maternal Grandparents who visit the family home weekly and also support with babysitting when parents require a break.

Past Harm – to include a summary of historic worries/Children Services involvement

Children Services have been involved with the unborn child's older siblings from 2009-2010 when they were subject to a child protection plan under the category of neglect. This was due to the following concerns:

- Parents struggling to keep the home conditions to a safe standard, there was continuous clutter in the home, unsafe objects lying around, unclean kitchen and no bedding on the children's beds.
- Parents not prioritising children's health needs and missing routine health appointments.
- The children having poor school attendance, which was impacting upon their learning and development.
- Lack of stimulation within the home which was affecting the youngest child meeting his developmental milestones.

- *Parents had poor oversight and supervision of the eldest child, he was seen roaming the streets without supervision placing him in physical danger. Parents failed to understand the risk of their lack of supervision.*
- *Parents were struggling with their relationship and were arguing frequently, and the children were observing this.*

Future Danger – What we are currently worried about happening (explicit detail about the concerns)

There has been a recent domestic abuse incident whereby, Mother has assaulted Father by punching him to the face. Mother is currently 24 weeks pregnant with their third child, the two older children also witnessed this. Police were called by the neighbour who heard the argument, upon Police arrival they were concerned about the standard of home conditions.

We are worried about a repeat of previous concerns highlighted within Children Services involvement between 2009 and 2010. Despite parents making positive progress with support from a family worker, it is clear that they have been unable to sustain these changes for a significant period of time.

The children will be at risk of emotional and physical harm should their parents struggle to argue in front of the children. If parents do not improve the home conditions the children will continue to at risk of neglect and physical harm as the home is cluttered and they have no bedding or food. This will impact upon their hygiene, health and potentially their development.

Safety or Wellbeing plan (This will be different depending on Plan – CP/CIN/SEND/Early Help/Assessment)

- **What is the current intervention?** *Children Services are currently completing S47 child protection procedures.*
- **What are the factors which are reducing the risk/enhancing wellbeing** *Maternal Grandparents are having the children overnight Friday- Sunday to help parents to have time to clean the home.*
- **Safety Network involved** *Maternal Grandparents; however network meeting to be held to formulate a safety network that can support once unborn arrives.*
- **Any contingency/safety plan which the network should be implementing which could be checked out if referred back to Social Care** *Maternal Grandparents should be contacted if there are any increasing concerns as they are proactive in stepping in and supporting parents to make changes, and caring for the children whilst they do this.*

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Initial Child Protection Conference to be held 30th May 2019

Child and Family Assessment due 20th May 2019