



01 Background

Baby born after either concealed or denied pregnancy

No preparation made for infant to come home

Consultant paediatrician and physiotherapist both raised concerns about severe neglect of developmental needs.

02 Safeguarding Concerns

Historical concerns about parenting capacity- alcohol misuse- poor home conditions- lodgers living in home- poor maternal mental health and vulnerability. Financial problems – rent arrears.

07 Implementing Change

A multi agency action plan to implement the recommendations has been developed and is regularly monitored by the Joint Case Review Sub Group until all actions are completed.

06 Recommendations cont.

Review and revise the current HSCB guidance (3.15) Quick Guide to CP Medicals.

Housing provider to effectively link in to HSCB through its Board or sub groups

Review content of Multi Agency Child Protection Conference Training, ensuring that the child remains the central focus of decision making.

05 Recommendations

Review training in place to support practitioners in engaging difficult to engage families

Ensure that the HSCB Neglect strategy is implemented.

Update the current LSCB Resolution of Professional Disagreements policy.

03 Themes

- Neglect
- Alcohol Misuse
- Difficult to engage parents/Feigned compliance
- Escalation

04 findings

Tracking of neglect and monitoring parenting was not effective

Lack of Professional curiosity

Insufficient attention to family history

Anonymous referrals were not investigated

