

# Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Children with Disabilities

Organisations that audited their involvement with the four cases were: Children's Social Care, NBT, EDT, Preventative Services, Education Police, GPs, Sirona and AWP/ Camhs



Elisa is a 16 year old girl with moderate LD, she lives with mum, siblings and mum's partner. Concerns relate to allegations of sexual assault, exploitation and missing incidents.



Eric is a 15 year old boy with 3 younger siblings, moved to South Gloucestershire in 2017 from Bristol. Eric is autistic, siblings have complex needs and Eric easily overlooked. Long history of agency involvement due to DVA and physical chastisement.

The audit of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 reviewed the records of four children with disabilities who are subject of child protection plan. The aim of the audit was to ascertain whether there were good multi-agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, SGSCB policies and procedures



Edward lived with his mother and 2 younger siblings. He is on the autistic spectrum and has posed a risk due to violent & sexual behaviours, he has been living in a residential placement out of county for the last 3 months



Evan is 17 and has autism, OCD and ADHD. Not attended school since age 12. Incidents of aggression and violence towards family including siblings. Currently living in a residential college.



## What is Working Well:

- Good use of Signs of Safety, although only by social care
- Some examples of really good practice around communication with children



## What Needs to Happen?

- All children's records should contain information about the best ways to communicate with them related to individual needs
- A child's additional vulnerability due to disability must be considered as part of an assessment
- Improved use of tools by practitioners
- Further promotion of the escalation policy and Neglect toolkit by the LSCB and partners

## What are we Worried about:

- Lack of consistency in tools used
- Working with families when parents don't engage





The Neglect Toolkit is available on the SGSCB website, it was updated in March 2018

Clicking in this box will take you straight to the toolkit.

The toolkit has a whole section of practical tools for the job to help with identification of neglect  
It includes problem solving tools to help move forward with a family.  
There is a diagnostic tool to print and use.

### Communicating and Engaging with Children with Disabilities

This one day course is designed to provide participants with increased knowledge and understanding in relation to communicating with disabled children and young people, along with a greater confidence in using their skills.

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You can find the Resolution of Professional Differences Policy by clicking this circle. This policy should be used whenever there is a need for escalation

### Child Protection and Disability Training

Following this training participants will:

- Be able to identify the factors which lead to an increased risk of abuse for disabled children;
- Recognise the importance of communicating effectively with disabled children;
- Feel more confident in considering the place of dignity and choice in intimate care;
- Understand how attitudes may affect recognition and response to abuse;
- Understand the links between children's rights and child protection; and
- Feel more confident in their ability to manage child protection concerns involving disabled children.

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