




Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Children Excluded from School September 2019




Organisations that audited their involvement with the 7 cases were: Children's Social Care, Preventative Services, Education, GP, Police, Sirona and AWP/Camhs, EDT, NBT




Jacob age 7 and is a Bristol child, who attends a South Glos school. Number of fixed term exclusions leading to permanent exclusion in May 2019




Jagger age 11 is a Bristol child who attends a South Glos school who has had fixed term exclusions.




Jarrold age 8, referred to Camhs, but declined and signposted elsewhere. On a reduced timetable prior to fixed term exclusions. Jarrold has an open SAFeh, and working towards longer time in school each day.




James age 11, permanently excluded in January 2019. Work with FYPS was about to begin when James moved out of the area to live with his dad.




Jarrett age 12 subject of a Child Protection plan under category of physical abuse. Package of support in place for family. Permanently excluded in Nov 2018, gap of several months between new placement with mentoring in place.



Jack age 12, excluded from school following an incident with a knife as reported by mother to GP. Not known to CSC, YOS or Police.



Jason age 11. Older sibling had been excluded, and Jason's behaviour escalated when sibling left the family home. Jason subsequently had a series of fixed term exclusions.



The audit of 5th September 2019 reviewed the records of seven children who have been excluded from school aged 7-12 years. 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. This audit was undertaken under JTAI conditions as a dry run, with a short turnaround of 4 days, challenges identified with this process will be reported to the JTAI operational and strategic groups.



What is Working Well:

- GP recognised ACEs in family
- Consent sought by GP to liaise with school
- Successful dual registration with schools leading to increased stability following referral from Camhs
- Child with EHCP has a planned transition into secondary
- Clear planning and agencies working together evidenced
- MIU – good evidence of voice of child and communication with other agencies
- Good sharing of information across local authorities in two cases
- Co-ordinated multi agency communication and attendance at meetings
- Good engagement with family and school, and multi agency working
- Quality of referrals from school to agencies is high
- Police use of BRAG tool evident

What are we Worried about:

- No safeguarding information shared with social care or police in relation to a knife related incident at school
- Transfers within school trust – is there a process for safeguarding information to be shared
- The financial resources available to schools are having an impact on the preventative services available, leading to higher level of exclusions
Ability of school to support children is impacted
- Delay in allocating a FYPS worker due to capacity issues for one child
- Children who live in Bristol and attend school in South Gloucestershire – schools would not automatically be given domestic abuse notifications

What Needs to Happen?

- Education to follow up about Jack, to follow up about safeguarding, and whether circumstances were shared with new school within the same trust.
- Audit cases for the future – consider children who are resident in South Gloucestershire only

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