

Learning identified from the Partnership Review Report: Child H

1	Professionals to identify families that are hard to engage, enabling a strategy to be put in place to manage the difficulties.
2	Assessments to include parents' own history of being parented with an analysis of the impact of this on parenting / attachment issues.
3	Chronology to be kept up to date, linking separate incidents, to consider significant patterns or changes in thresholds for intervention
4	Assessments to consider what underlies challenging behaviour in children and young people as well as managing the behaviour of each episode of concern.
5	Where a parent has mental health difficulties, assessments to consider the impact of this on parenting capacity and its effect on the child.
6	It is important that the multi-agency review process is adhered to and all professionals engage with this.
7	Supervision in all agencies should challenge and explore professional thinking, encouraging reflective practice and analysis of information.
8	Prompt sharing of information between agencies is always required.
9	Professionals to ensure there is a common understanding of processes e.g. risk assessment / discharge planning meetings.
10	All professionals to have a good understanding of the child protection process, the purpose of the child protection plan and their responsibility in the planning process to safeguard a child.
11	When working with adolescents reminders about appointment texts to be sent directly to the young person as well as the parent
12	It is important to give adequate weight to the child's expressed wishes in decision making, to record reasons for the outcome and to allow for consideration of what life was like for the child at home through the child's eyes.
13	Improvements needed in working with young people - "Professionals seem to struggle with making decisions for young people who are in a transitional stage, i.e. neither a child nor not quite an adult"
14	Organisations to promote a culture of challenge within their organisation and between agencies to promote good outcomes.