

PRACTICE LEARNING LINE OF SIGHT EVENT IN RESPECT OF CHILDREN LIVING WITH MENTAL ILL HEALTH

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Good Practice & Learning Snapshot

Strengths and Good Practice

- Good partnership working across the safeguarding pathway including Early Help, Targeted and Specialist Support
- The child's voice was evident in all cases, they were active participants and their views were shaping their plans
- Effective communication between services including swift responses in crisis situations
- Knowledgeable and skilled practitioners positive feedback about mental health first aid training, training and support to foster carers and practitioners extending their learning about mental ill health also accessing training appropriate to their role
- Practitioners were impressive in discussing their direct work and support for the child and their family

- Build upon practitioners knowledge and understanding of children's mental ill health and emotional distress
- Recognise the impact upon the child and family of multiple practitioners involved and adapt as necessary
- How the system learns from responding to crisis situations and supports the family to enable home based services and provides support whilst a child is in a local hospital prior to Tier 4 provision being available
- Organisational systems being flexible to meet the ongoing needs of children



Strategic Themes and Actions

- The event will be written up and shared with the Children's MARS Board, Safeguarding Practice Learning and Improvement Group (SPLIG) and Line of Sight Panel members
- A 7 minute briefing will be compiled and made available to practitioners and supervisors on the Children's MARS website
- Key strategic themes and actions will be put into an action plan
- This will be monitored and reviewed until completion by the SPLIG and signed off by the Children's MARS Board