

Essex Safeguarding Children Board

CSPR Child GG – One page summary

What is a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR)?

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Background

Child GG was 2 weeks old when she was admitted to hospital with a head injury. Child GG and her sibling were subject to Child Protection plans and under the PLO (Public Law Outline) process.

Mother had a difficult childhood, she lived with grandparents as a child and was later in the care of the local authority. Mother had several missing episodes and there were concerns around her risk of exploitation. Mother struggled to form healthy relationships with men.

Key themes and learning points

- Understanding of Police protection process
- Professional challenge and escalation
- Monitoring of Child Protection process
- Understanding of Public Law Outline (PLO) process
- Involvement of extended family
- Inconsistent parental engagement
- The impact of trauma and adverse childhood experiences
- Working with people in a trauma informed way
- Child Sexual Exploitation

Multi-agency Recommendations:

- Ensure all practitioners focus on the **children's lived experiences** and use tools and supervision to measure and reflect on the impact of **inconsistent parental engagement**.
- **The impact of extended family members** and their support of the Child Protection Plan must be reviewed and evidenced and not assumed.
- To promote a positive approach to the use of **escalation procedures** so that they are used to support creative conversations that improve practice
- To undertake work on raising awareness and understanding of the **Public Law Outline (PLO) process** across all agencies so that practitioners are clear of the processes and aware of opportunities to influence risk assessment and decision making.
- To consider how the effectiveness of **Core Groups** in undertaking and monitoring **Child Protection Plans** can be supported to ensure identified interventions take place to progress the Child Protection Plan effectively.
- To consider undertaking routine oversight/monitoring of all agency attendance and engagement with **Child Protection processes**.
- To raise awareness and understanding of the **Police Protection process**.
- To consider how specific **therapeutic interventions for victims of Child Sexual Abuse or Child Sexual Exploitation** could be provided that address the trauma and not just resulting behaviours
- An existing multi-agency working group is to develop some best practice guidance to be used with all hospitals on **parental consent** where a parent is arrested, and the child/children require ongoing medical treatment in hospital.

Processes and Procedures

- SET Child Protection Procedures
- Working Together 2023
- ESCB - A Guide to the Public Law Outline

Learning & Development

- Non-Accidental Injury e-Learning
- Whole Family Approach
- Risk in the Community
- Child Protection Conference Training