

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SAFEGUARDING SUB COMMITTEE

3rd OCTOBER 2019

Action arising from Previous Safeguarding Sub Committee: 9th July 2019

Action: Information concerning the numbers of repeat referrals contained within the no further action cohort to be forwarded to members in advance of the next Safeguarding Sub Committee meeting on 3-10-2019.

Out of a cohort of 5660 early help referrals into Team Oasis between April 2018 & March 2019, 81% (4596) were deemed as having "no further action" taken; of this cohort, 53% were repeat referrals.

"No further action" (NFA) decisions are made up of a variety of responses but due to system restrictions these are all captured in this one outcome.

Examples of outcomes captured by the "NFA" decision would include signposting for support, referrals being made to other services, recommendation for support already in place to continue, families not wishing to accept or feel support is necessary or referrals sharing or seeking information.

Example Case Studies:

1. Sibling group of 3 children

Referral by Health visitor following birth of baby to the family. Health Visitor had noted in their files that there was a social care history for the family and queried whether a pre-birth assessment should have been completed.

Screening information demonstrated that the Children Centre was already involved supporting the family and no concerns regarding care of the children had been raised. No further action taken as support in place.

2. Sibling group of 2 children

Referred by the police due to a domestic abuse incident between male and his current partner. Concerns raised for males children with ex-partner. Screening informed that male has no contact with his children and their mother is protective. Advice and guidance provided, no further action required.

3. Sibling group of 2 children

Referral from the police following father refusing to allow his children to return to mothers care after the Easter holidays due to concerns for mother new partner. Screening and discussions with mother regarding fathers concerns; children had now been returned to her care. School spoken to and agreed with consent to monitor welfare of children. Advice and guidance provided, no further action required.

4. Sibling group of 5 children

Police referred due to one of the sibling being reported as missing from home for a 2-hour period. YP arrived home safe and well. Information sent to the team who conduct return interviews, no further action required.

5. Sibling group of 6 children

Referral from housing as family had been served an eviction notice. Screening identified that the children would not become homeless because of the eviction. Advice and guidance provided re support with housing issues. No further action required.

6. Sibling group of 2 children

Referral from police following a report of domestic abuse from ex-partner. STRIVE were already involved with the family supporting. No further action required as support already in place.

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