

Safeguarding Social Worker Child Protection Conference Script

My name is Claire Monaghan, and I am the social worker involved in investigations of this case under section 17 and 47 of the Children's Act 1989. Adhering with Legislation.gov.uk (2014) and Wales Safeguarding Procedures 2019.

Although the child's growth seems to be progressing, the care I understand is inconsistent, the child's hygiene has gotten worse over time, and the child is consistently wearing unclean clothes coming into school. What worries me though, is how the child's emotional health is affected by what's happening in the home environment, as evidenced by the child's withdrawal. Both parents have a shared responsibility to nurture their children, and they should always consider what is best for them, as stated in UNICEF (2022) article 18 on state support and duties for parents.

I believe that a male who was not known to the setting accompanied the child when they arrived. The male had a distinct alcohol smell, also this could put the child in danger, according to the NSPCC (2023) because the child has a younger sister who is less than a year old, the mood swings could lead to arguments that the children would be exposed to. Although Mum mentioned a new relationship, no other information was provided. To guarantee that children are protected from serious harm, receive support when necessary, and that everyone's wellbeing remains their primary concern, all multi-agency teams have to work together. According to the NSPCC (2023), a multidisciplinary approach guarantees that professionals exchange information and knowledge in order to achieve the best results for our society's most vulnerable people.

Mam was offered the opportunity to arrange an appointment with me and other health and medical specialists for herself and both the children. After reading the school report indicating that there were problems with the child's welfare and the police records showing that the property had been called upon multiple times as neighbours were concerned by the children's crying and shouting in the house, and arguments between mam and her new partner. Responding to a report about a child who is at risk of harm, abuse, or neglect requires social services gathering information to decide what course of action to take, according to Safeguarding Wales

(2025). When I first arrived at the house I was immediately concerned about the house's cleanliness, rubbish was everywhere, there were filthy nappies on the floor, and an offensive smell in the house. Both children were dressed in dirty clothes that didn't fit them and showed poor hygiene.

Numerous empty alcohol cans were scattered about the house. During the visit, Mum's partner was not there. Mam has not provided an explanation or indicated whether the family situation has changed since our meeting.

According to Safeguarding Wales (2025) a social worker should visit the child at least once every ten working days and make sure that the child is seen at home at least once every four weeks. Whenever possible, make sure that the child is seen alone every six weeks. In order to make sure that the child and their family understand the intended results, accept the plan, and are prepared to work towards it, the social worker should do everything in their ability to do carry the above and communicate this under the social services and well-being Wales act (2014) to ensure the family and children's well-being and early intervention where need.

That concludes my report to conference today. I would like to hand over to the health visitor who is also involved in this case.

What would your view be Hannah, Ria, and Officer Megan can't be with us today, but I have read her report, and she is in agreement that they should stay on the register.

In considering the views of the professionals present today, I looked into the risk and concluded that both children are in risk of suffering serious harm and should therefore be subject to child protection plan. As a result, I agree with the professionals here today that this should fall under the category of emotional abuse and neglect.

Now, we must consider the strategy and develop it to provide assistance and oversight that is required to guarantee that will ensure both children do not continue to be at risk of significant harm.

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