



## MS Serious Case Review

### Learning Notes

Child MS was a young baby who suffered a serious non accidental injury whilst in the care of parents. The full SCR will be published upon completion of parallel proceedings.

#### What did we learn?

- Consideration always needs to be given to the needs of the unborn via pre birth assessments.
- Assessments and direct work always need to consider both parents equally
- Good information sharing and clear communication between agencies is crucial, especially if there is any concern regarding possible bruising to an immobile baby.
- Professionals should always consider culture and diversity and the impact of cultural and/or language barriers.
- Without effective information sharing, the lived experience of MS could not be fully understood or parents' adequately supported
- Good practice was that school tenaciously raised concerns—this should be replicated across all agencies

#### How can we learn from this case?

Find meaningful ways to include fathers/ significant males in all direct work with families

Ensuring families who speak English as a second language can fully access support offered

By communicating with all agencies when completing an assessment

Consistently applying thresholds to offer families the right support

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