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Background

Ellie lived with her family. The family had been supported by a number of services to address mental and physical ill health for most of Ellie's childhood. Ellie's sibling had presented to services over time with challenging behaviours and was diagnosed with autism. The children were young carers for their mother. .

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Safeguarding concerns

Concerns were raised about the risk to the family of violent and challenging behaviours from Ellie's sibling over a significant period of time. The parents of Ellie lived in separate houses with the children as a measure to reduce the risk of violence to Ellie and her mother.

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The incident

Ellie died whilst on holiday with her family. A family member is serving a custodial sentence for her death.

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The review

- The review considered the following themes:
- How are children and young people assessed as suitable to be a young carer?
 - Procedures to address domestic abuse in families where the child is a perpetrator of abuse
 - Assessment of parenting capacity of adults with mental ill health to effectively parent their children.
 - Assessment of impact of parental mental ill health on the child
 - Recognition and response to vulnerability in the adult who has parenting capacity
 - Availability of help and support for a person who has a diagnosis of autism

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The findings

- Quality of social work assessments needs to be reviewed
- Children are waiting too long for ASD pathway and diagnosis and this is affecting the ability to meet needs.
 - Effectiveness of EHCP reviews post 16 unclear
 - Assessment of children to be suitable as young carers did not consider any safeguarding concerns
 - Practitioners regarding violent behaviours of children and adults with a diagnosis of autism as domestic abuse.
 - Consideration to refer vulnerable adults who are parents to Adult Social Care.

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Implementing Change

Reflect on the findings and discuss the implications for your service/practice. Identify and outline the steps you and your team will take to improve practice in line with the findings and recommendations

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Recommendations

- The partnership should seek assurance that the GCP training package is completed, evaluated and embedded into practice.
- The Partnership should ensure that consultation is had with a number of GPs to gain an improved understanding of the GP roles and responsibilities to improve partnership working.
- Multi-agency audit reviewing strategy meetings needs to be undertaken.
 - TSCP should seek assurance from partner agencies that staff are being reminded to fully explore the lived experience of a child and to include their findings in all records including assessments, alongside the voice of the child
 - TSCP should contact the service manager at Salford Safeguarding Unit to discuss their Child Protection re-referral and step down processes and consider adopting the same or similar procedures.
- TCSP and partner agencies should consider developing a parent advocate scheme to support families coming to conference.





Name of Organisation

Team Manager

Name of Section & Team

Contact Details

Identify the learning or recommendations that are relevant to your team and summarise your teams' discussion on those points

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What actions have been agreed to improve practice?

What needs to happen?	Who will do it?	By When?	How will you know when it has been done?	How will you know if it has worked?