

Ics-Initial Assessment 2**Aurora Dobbie (645349)****Person Details**

Name	AURORA DOBBIE	DoB/Gender	11/06/2001, FEMALE
Address	38 ST ASAPH ROAD, GREAT SUTTON, ELLESMERE PORT, CH66 2GP		
Contact	ID	645349	
Financially Resp LA	Supervising LA		

Historical details as at	14/11/2009	DoB/Gender	11/06/2001, FEMALE
Name	AURORA DOBBIE	Telephone	0151 339 3427
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Time Started				
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Location	Planned Comp Date.			
Team	E/PORT CHILDREN IN CARE TEAM	Reason for Delay		
Carried Out By	CAROLINE HARLEY	Link Info	Ref	
Recorded By	CAROLINE HARLEY	Assessment ID	361353	Referral ID 1001199
Planned review date				
Notes				

Child Seen?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seen Alone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reason Not Seen	
Date Seen	12/11/2009				

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Other People Involved with Assessment

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Type Of Initial Assessment

Please indicate type of Initial Assessment FAMILY SUPPORT SECTION 47

Reason for assessment**Reason**

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Tom is fearful to leave the children alone with Avril due to this behaviour.

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The family are 'very isolated' with the nearest family being 100 miles away. Tom is very willing to accept any support as he is aware how his wife's behaviour is impacting upon their children.

Tom has been keeping a log of his wife's behaviour for about a month as he is concerned as to how it is impacting upon their children.

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Safeguarding

Is Domestic Abuse An Issue In This Family's Circumstances?

YES

NO

Contact With Child

- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO
- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO ALONE
- SEEN BUT NOT SPOKEN TO
- NOT SEEN

Contact With Parent/Carer

- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO
- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO ALONE
- NOT SEEN

Child's Home Has Been Visited

YES

NO

Notes

Plan

Category Of Need

Need

Intervention / Provider

Planned Start Date

Actual Start Date

End Date

Planned Outcome

Actual Outcome

Need Description

Intervention Description

Planned Outcome Description

Actual Outcome Description

Actions

Type	Date	Time	Comment
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Authorisation Details

Carried Out By	CAROLINE HARLEY	Date	14/11/2009
Manager	ANNE LAMB	Date	14/11/2009
Notify Authoriser?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Planned review date		Outcome	CHILDS PLAN CONFIRMED

Notes

BENEFIT FROM INVOLVEMENT FROM A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER. I AM CONCERNED THAT IF THERE IS NO MONITORING AND SUPPORT THERE MAYBE NO CHANGE AND THE CHILDREN WOULD BE AT RISK GIVEN THAT AVRIL IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO COPE WITH THEM. AVRIL ADMITS TO SMACKING THE CHILDREN AND BEING ROUGH WITH THEM WHEN THEY ARE BEING DIFFICULT TO MANAGE AND TOMMY HAS BEEN CLOSE TO PHONING THE POLICE WHEN AURORA HAS PHONED HIM HYSTERICALLY CRYING WHEN HE HAS BEEN IN BELGIUM BUSINESS. ON THE OCCASIONS THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AVRIL WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM AND HUNG UP THE PHONE AND WOULD NOT ANSWER HIS CALLS.

IF THE CURRENT SITUATION PREVAILS I WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED FOR THE CHILDREN GIVEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THE ELDEST CHILD AURORA IS DEMONSTRATING CONCERNING PANIC ATTACK TYPE BEHAVIOURS BOTH AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL AND THIS IS BEING DEALT WITH BY HEALTH.

Decisions

Is the child/young person a child in need as defined in the Children Act 1989?

If yes, please tick which child in need category(ies) is/are appropriate:

A child whose vulnerability is such they are unlikely to reach or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development without the provision of services

Child whose health or development will be significantly impaired without the provision of services

Disabled child

If the child's name is not on the disability register, have the parents consented to it being placed there?

Reason services are not to be provided

If developmental needs are identified in a child/young person and services are not to be provided or are not available, please explain why:

Child / young person and parent / carer comments

Child's / Young person's views and comments

INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSULT DIRECTLY ALTHOUGH MY OBSERVATIONS WERE THAT ORION WAS COMFORTABLE IN THE CARE OF BOTH HIS PARENTS -HE FLITTED BETWEEN THE TWO DURING MY VISIT.

Parents' / Carers' views and comments

BOTH PARENTS AGREE AND ARE REQUESTING A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER BE INVOLVED.

Information provided to the family

Complaints procedure (date provided) 12/11/2009

Information on access to records (date provided) 12/11/2009

Other relevant / available information

Date other information was provided

Assessment Shared / Discussed

Child / young person - report discussed with them? When will this be done?

Parents / main carers - reports discussed with them? When will this be done?

Parents / main carers refused discussion?

Child / young person given copy of report? When will this be done?

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Child's needs

BOTH CHILDREN WILL BE MODELLING ON THEIR PARENTS IN TERMS OF LEARNING THE APPROPRIATE SELF CARE SKILLS AND HAVING THEIR NEEDS MET. THERE IS CONCERN AROUND THE PANIC ATTACKS THAT AURORA IS HAVING AND THEIR FREQUENCY. PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT REGARDLESS OF THEM BEING REAL PANIC ATTACKS OR AN ATTENTION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR THEY ARE CONCERNING.

Parenting capacity

PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP THAT IMPACT ON THE CHILDREN. THE PARENTS ARE TRYING TO MANAGE THIS AND KEEP THEIR PROBLEMS AWAY FROM THE CHILDREN. BOTH PARENTS ARE REQUESTING SUPPORT AS THEY REALISE THAT THE FAMILY SITUATION CANNOT CONTINUE AS IT IS.

Parenting Capacity

Including ability to meet basic care, safety, emotional warmth, stimulation, guidance + boundaries, stability.
Strength/Weakness

BOTH PARENTS ARE BRIGHT AND ARTICULATE AND HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS. TALKING TO BOTH PARENTS IT WAS CLEAR THAT CURRENTLY IT IS THE CHILDREN'S FATHER, TOMMY WHO SHOULD BE ASSUMING THE ROLE OF THE PRIMARY CARER FOR THE CHILDREN. THIS IS NOT THE CASE DUE TO HIS WORK COMMITMENTS ALTHOUGH THERE WAS TALK ABOUT THIS CHANGING. THIS WILL HAVE A MASSIVE EFFECT ON THE FAMILIES FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND TOMMY EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THIS. AVRIL AND TOMMY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON PARENTING AND THIS HAS CAUSED SOME PROBLEMS BETWEEN THEM PREVIOUSLY.

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Should a referral be made to Adult Services? (If yes please specify details in the Initial Plan)

Family And Environmental Factors Which Impact On The Child And Family

Family history and functioning

FAMILY HAVE RESIDED IN THE ELLESMERE PORT AREA FOR SOME YEARS NOW ALTHOUGH BOTH PARENTS ARE FROM SCOTLAND AND HAVE NO FAMILY MEMBERS NEARBY.

Wider family

THERE ARE EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS IN SCOTLAND ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE CONTACT AND NO FAMILY SUPPORT.

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THE PROPERTY IS OWNER OCCUPIED AND IS SUITABLY FURNISHED AND WARM ETC.

Employment

TOMMY WORKS ON A FULL TIME BASIS BOTH FROM HOME AND AWAY-OFTEN VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES. AVRIL HAS RECENTLY TAKEN UP A PART TIME JOB IN FINANCE FOR HMV CHESHIRE OAKS.

Income

NO CONCERNS IN THIS AREA.

Family's social integration

CURRENTLY NOT GOOD ALTHOUGH PARENTS ARE AWARE OF ACTIVITIES IN THE LOCAL AREA THAT WOULD PROMOTE THIS.

Community resources

THERE ARE PLENTY OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE LOCAL AREA. AVRIL SAYS THAT SHE IS NOT UP TO ATTENDING WITH ORION LIKE SHE DID WITH AURORA WHEN SHE WAS HIS AGE.

Analysis of information gathered

The analysis should identify the factors that have an impact on different aspects of the child's development and parenting capacity, and explore the relationship between them. This process of analysing the information available about the child's needs, parenting capacity and wider family and environmental factors should result in a clear understanding of the child's needs, and what types of service provision would best address these needs to ensure the child has the opportunity to achieve his/her potential. It is important to include any evidence that the child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.

ON THE SURFACE THIS WOULD BE A STRAIGHT FORWARD ASSESSMENT GIVEN THAT AVRIL IS CURRENTLY SAYING THAT SHE NEEDS SUPPORT WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN'S FATHER, HER HUSBAND TOMMY CAN CARE FOR THE CHILDREN. HE IS SAYING HE IS WILLING TO DO THIS. HOWEVER THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN QUICKLY AND TOMMY NEEDS TO EITHER FIND A JOB THAT FITS IN AROUND THE CHILDREN OR AVRIL WORK FULL TIME TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY. DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION THE FAMILY WOULD

Chilids / young persons developmental needs**Health****Child's needs**

AURORA EXPERIENCES PANIC ATTACKS AND NIGHT TERRORS WHERE SHE WAKES UP EXTREMELY UPSET AND DISORIENTATED. PAREN REPORT THAT THE PANIC ATTACKS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY FREQUENT AND ARE NOW HAPPENING IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS AT HOME. AVRIL EXPLAINS THAT THEY WERE ONCE JUST ASSOCIATED WITH BED TIME AND THEY DID SUSPECT THAT THEY WERE AN ATTENTION SEEKING BEHAVIOUR. BOTH PARENTS ARE CONCERNED THAT NOW THEY ARE NOT ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH BED TIME AND ARE SEEKING SUPPORT ACCORDINGLY.

Parenting capacity *Avril A long time ago*

JEAN DAVIS HEALTH VISITOR HAS HAD SOME LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT WHEN INITIALLY THE CHILDREN'S MOTHER AVRIL APPROACHED HER FOR SUPPORT WITH THE CHILDREN. SINCE THAT TIME THE CHILDREN'S FATHER TOMMY APPROACHED HER WITH A CHRONOLOGY EVENTS THAT HE HAD KEPT IN RELATION TO AVRIL NOT COPING WITH THE CHILDREN. JEAN ADVISED TOMMY TO MAKE A REFERRAL IF WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE CHILDREN.

Education**Child's needs**

AURORA ATTENDS WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL. I HAVE LEFT SEVERAL MESSAGES AT THE SCHOOL ASKING THEM TO MAKE CONTACT REGARDING AURORA AND THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE.

Parenting capacity

AVRIL SAYS THAT SHE AND AURORA USED TO ENJOY SPENDING TIME DOING LEARNING ACTIVITIES ON THE HOME COMPUTER TOGETHER OR GOING THROUGH WORK BOOKS. OF LATE AVRIL HAS NOT BEEN IN A FRAME OF MIND WHERE SHE IS ABLE TO SPEND THIS QUALITY TIME WITH THE CHILDREN AND SHE REGRETS THIS.

THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE FROM SCHOOL REGARDING MY MESSAGES, RATHER THAN THE ASSESSMENT GO OVER TIME SCALES WILL FOLLOW THIS UP AND WILL RECORD ANY CONCERNS FROM SCHOOL IN CASE NOTES.

Emotional and Behavioural Development - Read Guidance**Child's needs**

CHILDREN NEED A SECURE AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL. AURORA'S PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE HOME ENVIRONMENT HAS A VERY TENSE ATMOSPHERE. AURORA IS CURRENTLY BEING EXPOSED TO HER PARENTS DISPUTES AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS HAS DETERIORATED TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING SEPARATION. AURORA IS OF AN AGE WHERE SHE HAS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THESE DIFFICULTIES AND IS CURRENTLY DEMONSTRATING CONCERN PANIC ATTACKS.

Parenting capacity

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Social Presentation**Child's needs**

BOTH CHILDREN PRESENT AS WELL CARED FOR AND AS HEALTHY ACTIVE CHILDREN.

Parenting capacity

NO CONCERNS IN THIS AREA.

Self Care Skills

Ics-Initial Assessment 2**Orion Dobbie (645361)****Person Details**

Name	ORION DOBBIE	DoB/Gender	20/10/2006, MALE
Address	38 ST. ASAPH ROAD, GREAT SUTTON, ELLESMERE PORT, CH66 2GP		
Contact	0151 339 3427	ID	645361
Financially Resp LA	Supervising LA		

Historical details as at	18/11/2009	DoB/Gender	20/10/2006, MALE
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Carried Out By	CAROLINE HARLEY	Link Info	Ref
Recorded By	CAROLINE HARLEY	Assessment ID	357514
Planned review date		Referral ID	1001219
Notes			

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Chlds / young persons developmental needs**Health****Child's needs**

NO DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS/ CONCERNS IDENTIFIED.

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Education**Child's needs**

ORION ATTENDS STANNEY OAKS DAY NURSERY FULL DAY ON A MON AND MORNINGS FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK. HE IS CLEARLY GETTING LOTS OF STIMULATION THERE WERE LOTS OF AGE APPROPRIATE TOYS IN THE HOUSE AND HE PRESENTS AS A BRIGHT AND ACTIVE BOY.

Parenting capacity

NO CONCERNS IN THIS AREA, AVRIL HAS ARRANGED FOR ORION TO HAVE THIS NURSERY PLACE AS SHE HAS RECENTLY TAKEN A PART TIME JOB. AVRIL ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SHE DOES NOT TAKE ORION TO THE PLAY GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES THAT SHE DID WITH AURORA. AVRIL COMMENTED THAT HER PART TIME JOB IS DOING HER GOOD IN THAT IT IS SOMETHING THAT SHE IS DOING FOR HERSELF

Emotional and Behavioural Development - Read Guidance**Child's needs**

CHILDREN NEED A SECURE AND STABLE ENVIRONMENT TO FULFIL THEIR POTENTIAL. ORION'S PARENTS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE HC ENVIRONMENT HAS A VERY TENSE ATMOSPHERE. ORION IS CURRENTLY BEING EXPOSED TO HIS PARENTS DISPUTES AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS HAS DETERIORATED TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING SEPARATION. ORION HAS ALSO BEEN SMACKED AND ROUGHLY HANDLED -THROWN ON THE BED, AT BED TIME WHEN HE HAS PROVED DIFFICULT FOR HIS MOTHER TO MANAGE.

Parenting capacity

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Family and Social Relationships**Child's needs**

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Analysis of information gathered

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ON THE SURFACE THIS WOULD BE A STRAIGHT FORWARD ASSESSMENT GIVEN THAT AVRIL IS CURRENTLY SAYING THAT SHE NEEDS SUPPORT WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN'S FATHER, HER HUSBAND TOMMY CAN CARE FOR THE CHILDREN. HE IS SAYING HE IS WILLING TO DO THIS. HOWEVER THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN QUICKLY AND TOMMY NEEDS TO EITHER FIND A JOB THAT FITS IN AROUND THE CHILDREN OR AVRIL WORK FULL TIME TO SUPPORT THE FAMILY. DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION THE FAMILY WOULD BENEFIT FROM INVOLVEMENT FROM A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER. I AM CONCERNED THAT IF THERE IS NO MONITORING AND SUPPORT THERE MAYBE NO CHANGE AND THE CHILDREN WOULD BE AT RISK GIVEN THAT AVRIL IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO COPE WITH THEM. AVRIL ADMITS TO SMACKING THE CHILDREN AND BEING ROUGH WITH THEM WHEN THEY ARE BEING DIFFICULT TO MANAGE AND TOMMY HAS BEEN CLOSE TO PHONING THE POLICE WHEN AURORA HAS PHONED HIM HYSTERICALLY CRYING WHEN HE HAS BEEN IN BELGIUM ON BUSINESS. ON THE OCCASIONS THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AVRIL WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM AND HUNG UP THE PHONE AND WOULD NOT ANSWER HIS CALLS.

IF THE CURRENT SITUATION PREVAILS I WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED FOR THE CHILDREN GIVEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THE ELDEST CHILD AURORA IS DEMONSTRATING CONCERNING PANIC ATTACK TYPE BEHAVIOURS BOTH AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL AND THIS IS BEING DEALT WITH BY HEALTH.

Decisions

Is the child/young person a child in need as defined in the Children Act 1989?

If yes, please tick which child in need category(ies) is/are appropriate:

A child whose vulnerability is such they are unlikely to reach or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development without the provision of services

Child whose health or development will be significantly impaired without the provision of services

Disabled child

If the child's name is not on the disability register, have the parents consented to it being placed there?

Reason services are not to be provided

If developmental needs are identified in a child/young person and services are not to be provided or are not available, please explain why:

Child / young person and parent / carer comments

Child's / Young person's views and comments

INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSULT DIRECTLY ALTHOUGH MY OBSERVATIONS WERE THAT ORION WAS COMFORTABLE IN THE CARE OF BOTH HIS PARENTS -HE FLITTED BETWEEN THE TWO DURING MY VISIT.

Parents' / Carers' views and comments

BOTH PARENTS AGREE AND ARE REQUESTING A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER BE INVOLVED.

Information provided to the family

Complaints procedure (date provided) 12/11/2009

Information on access to records (date provided) 12/11/2009

Other relevant / available information

Date other information was provided

Assessment Shared / Discussed

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| Child / young person - report discussed with them? <input type="checkbox"/> | When will this be done? |
| Parents / main carers - reports discussed with them? <input type="checkbox"/> | When will this be done? |
| Parents / main carers refused discussion? <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Child / young person given copy of report? <input type="checkbox"/> | When will this be done? |
| Parents / main carers given copy of report? <input type="checkbox"/> | When will this be done? |

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Safeguarding

Is Domestic Abuse An Issue In This Family's Circumstances?

YES

NO

Contact With Child

- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO
- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO ALONE
- SEEN BUT NOT SPOKEN TO
- NOT SEEN

Contact With Parent/Carer

- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO
- SEEN AND SPOKEN TO ALONE
- NOT SEEN

Child's Home Has Been Visited

YES

NO

Notes

Plan

Category Of Need

Need

Intervention / Provider

Planned Start Date

Actual Start Date

End Date

Planned Outcome

Actual Outcome

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Actions

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Manager	ANNE LAMB	Date	18/11/2009
Notify Authoriser?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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