

Strengthening Families in Initial Child Protection Case Conferences and Reviews

Strengths and Protective Factors

Here we are seeking to identify the strengths and protective factors that exist within the family, including extended family and significant others who are able to positively support the family. Strengths and Protective Factors are things parents/carers do on a regular basis which keep their children well cared for and safe.

Harm or Danger

Here we are seeking to understand what is the risk, actual harm or danger and what this “looks like”, in relation to:

- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect

and the impact on the well-being and welfare of the child

Grey Areas

Here we are seeking to clarify things we need more information about or to further assess specific issues. We may have been given information but we are unclear if it is factually correct or concerns that require further assessment

Complicating Factors

Here we consider factors that may impact on the welfare of the child or young person and parents or carers ability to provide good enough parenting, stability or meet the emotional and physical needs of the child or young person.

These are things which make it harder for everyone to focus on harm and/or more difficult to bring about change.

Child or Young Person's views, feelings, observations

What is life like for them through their eyes?

What are they saying about their experience of parenting and care?

What do they say needs to happen to make things better for them?

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