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| **Family Chronology** |

# Child’s Name: Annie & Luke (ID: 123456789 & 987654321)

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| Name | Relationship to Child |
| Lauren | Mother |
| Tom | Father  |

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| **Date** | **Incident or sequence of incidents relevant to the child’s welfare** | **Significance** |
| 30.06.1990 | Lauren born |  |
| 26.11.1990 | Tom born |  |
| 16.03.2013 | Lauren and Tom meet and enter into a relationship | Parents meet and start their relationship |
| 05.10. 2013 | Lauren and Tom move in together and become engaged to be married |  |
| 27.01.2014 | Lauren finds out she is pregnant with her and Tom’s first child |  |
| 05.09. 2014 | Baby Annie is born at Hospital. All healthy and subsequently discharged the following day. | Baby born |
| 09.09. 2014 | Midwife records some concern on file for Lauren’s mental health following birth of baby Annie – queries possible post-natal depression (presenting as low and tearful). | Early signs of Lauren suffering from low mood – reason unclear, possibly due to PND |
| 10.09. 2014 | Midwife follows up via telephone with Lauren following yesterday’s visit. Lauren says she is feeling low, lethargic and that Tom is not being helpful. Lauren says she and Tom have been arguing for the last few weeks but does not disclose why.  | Support being offered to Lauren. Some early indicators of disharmony in parental relationship.  |
| 14.09. 2014 | Midwife hands over to Health Visitor before discharging Annie and Lauren from midwifery services. Midwife asks Health Visitor to visit Lauren frequently to follow up concerns regarding her mental health.  | Sharing of information between professionals and services |
| 16.09. 2014 | Health Visitor makes contact with Lauren to arrange a visit. Tom answers Lauren’s phone and says she is sleeping. Tom expresses concern about Lauren, saying she seems depressed but does not want to see her GP. Tom finds this “frustrating”.  | Tom expressing his feelings about Lauren’s low mood |
| 18.09. 2014 | Health Visitor visits to see Lauren and Annie. Tom is not at home. Annie spends most of the visit lying in her moses basket (even when awake). Lauren only interacts with her when she cries, seemingly for a feed. Health Visitor talks to Lauren about her mental health. Lauren says she is feeling tired but ok. Does not want to see her GP. | Evidence of Lauren’s increasingly low mood and impact it is having on her parenting of baby Annie. Lauren declining GP visit means a missed opportunity to access support. |
| 28.09. 2014 | Health Visitor visits Lauren and Annie at home. Annie is gaining weight, no concerns re health. Lauren seems brighter in herself and more responsive to Annie.  | Annie is physically doing well and appears healthy. |
| 30.10. 2014 | Health Visitor visits Lauren and Annie at home. Weighs Annie, no concerns. Lauren reports feeling better in herself. Health Visitor asks about Lauren and Tom’s relationship. Lauren admits things are strained. She felt unsupported by Tom and they are bickering about little things frequently. Tom spending more time out of the home. Health Visitor offers a referral to Early Help services to Lauren for possible support. Lauren declines this.  |  |
| 15.12. 2014 | Lauren takes Annie to Health Visiting clinic to be weighed. Duty Health Visitor notices Lauren has some dark bruising to her right wrist. Lauren says she fell awkwardly over a baby toy. No concerns re Annie’s weight or development.  | Unclear how this bruising occurred. Possible indicator of domestic abuse.  |
| 26.12. 2014 | Police are called early hours of the morning by a neighbour of Lauren and Tom stating they can hear shouting coming from the property and a baby crying. Police attend, all calm in the home. Neither party wishing to provide an account – they’d had a brief “bicker” over Christmas presents. No further action.  | First reported (by neighbour) domestic incident. |
| 30.12. 2014 | Referral made to Children’s Services by Police following the verbal domestic abuse report. Reviewed by MASH & deemed to not meet threshold due to it being a verbal argument. Sent to Early Help. They attempted to call Lauren but had no response, therefore letter sent re support services, then closed. | Lack of communication with parents means support not accessed at an early intervention stage.  |
| 14.02.2015 | Police called by a neighbour stating they can hear shouting coming from the property and a woman saying “get off me”. Neighbour believes a baby is in the house. Police attend. Baby Annie is not present – Lauren says her mother is caring for Annie due to it being Valentine’s Day and her and Tom trying to have a night alone together. Lauren says she and Tom had a bit too much to drink and ended up arguing about money. Denies any physical incident. Tom declines to give an account. All calm on Police attendance, no further action.  | Further domestic incident reported by neighbour. Annie is not present but evidence of ongoing domestic abuse. |
| 15.02. 2015 | Referral made to Children’s Services by Police following Police call out. Referral reviewed by MASH. Lauren spoken to and provides same account as she gave to Police. Agrees for MASH to call Health Visitor for information gathering. No concerns reported by Health Visitor. Lauren declines Early Help. As Annie was not present during the incident and no concerns by Health Visitor, case closed.  |  |
| 28.11. 2015 | Anonymous referral made to Children’s Services, expressing concern for Annie due to there being domestic abuse in the home. Caller believes Lauren and Tom regularly argue; they have seen them argue in the street and seen Lauren throw Tom’s clothes out of the window. | Concerns expressed for Annie and her being exposed to further domestic abuse. |
| 29.11. 2015 | MASH speaks to Lauren. She admits to frequent arguments with Tom and states he was unfaithful so she has “thrown him out”. Lauren tearful on the phone. She would like support with managing Tom’s contact with Annie as she does not want to see Tom. Referral made to Early Help.  | Early Help intervention offered. Lauren willing to engage, seemingly understands the need for some support. |
| 10.01.2016 | Lauren does not engage with Early Help, case closed.  | Missed opportunity for support.  |
| 30.06.2017 | Police called to home address by Lauren stating she had been assaulted by Tom. Police attend; Lauren has a faint bruise to her cheekbone and a bloody lip. She says Tom threw a baby toy at her and pushed her over. Tom denies this but is arrested by Police. Annie was not present during the incident – being cared for by grandmother as it was Lauren’s birthday and she and Tom had been out celebrating.  | Further domestic abuse incident. Incident reported by Lauren suggesting incidents could be escalating. |
| 01.07.2017 | Lauren retracts her statement and declines to press charges against Tom, stating she also threw items at him and the bruise to her cheekbone occurred when she fell of her own accord when walking up the stairs. No further action taken. | Concern re severity of domestic abuse, lack of safety measures available to put in place to protect Lauren and Annie.  |
| 02.07. 2017 | Police make referral to Children’s Services following call out. MASH speaks to Lauren and Tom. Lauren provides same account as given to Police. Tom states he and Lauren are having marital issues and he wishes to go to counselling but Lauren is refusing. Tom feels Lauren’s mental health is poor and he is managing most of Annie’s care around his working hours. Referred for C&F assessment. | Further concerns for Laurens mental health. Unclear whether this is as a result of domestic abuse or a pre-existing complicating factor.  |
| 30.07. 2017 | C&F assessment completed. Annie is reported to be meeting her developmental milestones and attending nursery on a regular basis. Lauren and Tom are on the waiting list for couples counselling. Both remorseful over the incident. Lauren agrees her mental health is not good at present and has been diagnosed with depression by her GP – she is now taking medication for this. Decision made to close case as Lauren is engaging with GP for her mental health, the couple will access couples counselling and Annie is meeting her milestones.  | Assessment completed.  |
| 14.05.2018 | Police call out – Lauren’s mother calls Police stating Lauren has come to her house with Annie – Lauren has a black eye and says she was attacked by Tom following an argument. Lauren says she was holding Annie during the incident and Tom had been trying to take Annie from her. Police arrest Tom, who has scratch marks to his face. Tom is charged with ABH and has bail conditions in place not to contact Lauren. | Annie caught in the crossfire of a physical domestic incident and could have been physically harmed.  |
| 15.05. 2018 | Referral made to Children’s Services by Police following previous call out. Referred to assessment team for C&F assessment. |  |
| 16.05. 2018 | Social Worker visits Lauren and Annie at maternal grandmother’s home. Bruising observed to Lauren’s eye. Lauren is tearful and says she does not wish to reconcile with Tom. She intends to remain living at her mother’s home with Annie until she is rehoused by the Council. Lauren agrees to undertake the Freedom programme and have no contact with Tom.  | Some level of safety afforded to Annie in that Lauren will not return to family home, therefore reducing immediate likelihood of further incidents.  |
| 18.05. 2018 | Police are called by Lauren citing harassment from Tom who had sent her abusive text messages regarding contact with Annie. This report is forwarded to allocated SW.  | Ongoing domestic abuse despite bail conditions. Child contact issues.  |
| 20.06. 2018 | C&F assessment is completed. It states *“Lauren and Tom remain separated. Lauren and Annie remain living with Lauren’s mother. Tom’s mother is now responsible for facilitating Tom’s contact with Annie every other weekend to prevent Lauren and Tom having to see each other. Lauren is completing online Freedom programme and Tom has been charged with ABH – will be referred to anger management as a result. No further action necessary.”* | Case closed to Children’s Services.  |
| 06.09. 2018 | Police called to Lauren and Tom’s house after abandoned 999 call with shouting and screaming in the background. On arrival Lauren observed to have bruising and red marks to her face and neck, a large cut to her hand and blood around her ear. Smashed glass seen in the property. Tom present and seen with red/bloodied knuckles – arrested for ABH and bailed to reside at his mother’s home. Lauren discloses ongoing domestic abuse from Tom. Annie is present during the incident which Lauren reports lasted approximately 1 hour.. Lauren said she and Tom had argued about Annie’s birthday party. Lauren discloses that she is pregnant – unborn’s father is Tom. | Further domestic incident – physical in nature. Annie is present and exposed to the incident. Lauren’s pregnancy increases risk.  |
| 06.09. 2018 | Referred to Children’s Services. Opened for C&F assessment. |  |
| 07.09. 2018 | Social Worker visits Lauren and Annie. Direct work completed with Annie who reports “*mummy and daddy fighting*”. Lauren discloses long history of domestic abuse from Tom, largely unreported.  | Disclosure from Annie reinforcing presence of domestic abuse between parents.  |
| 08.09. 2018 | Strategy discussion held. S47 enquiries to be initiated. ICPC to be held. |  |
| 25.09. 2018 | ICPC held – Annie & Unborn made subject to a Child Protection Plan under category of Emotional Abuse.  | CP Plan implemented. |
| 14.12. 2018 | RCPC – Lauren and Tom continue to be separated. Lauren has filed for divorce. Tom’s mother is supervising Tom’s contact with Annie. No concerns. Lauren completing Freedom programme and being supported by Women’s Aid. Annie & Unborn made subject to a CIN Plan.  | CP Plan ended.  |
| 29.05.2019 | CIN Plan ended. No further reports of domestic abuse. Abbie meeting her milestones and exceeding at nursery. Tom has completed anger management and the couple have managed some civil communication. When baby is born Tom’s mother will continue to support facilitating Tom’s contact with the baby. | Case closed to Children’s Services.  |
| 15.06. 2019 | Baby Luke is born. Tom present at the birth. Luke is born with an infection therefore requires longer hospital stay. | Baby born.  |
| 17.06. 2019 | Midwives note that Tom and Lauren are seen arguing on the ward. Tom seen by other patients shouting at Lauren and handling baby Luke roughly.Referral made by safeguarding midwife to Children’s Services. Case opened same day for C&F assessment.  | Ongoing domestic abuse. Lauren increasingly vulnerable having just given birth. Query her ability to keep herself and her children safe and make safe choices for them. |
| 20.06.2019 | Midwife speaks to Lauren alone whilst Tom is not at the hospital. Lauren discloses ongoing domestic abuse and says Tom has threatened to kill her if she tells anyone. She wants to leave Tom. Requesting to go into a refuge with the children. Lauren reports the threat to the Police. Tom arrested, bailed to his mother’s address. | Lauren seeking a place of safety for herself and her children.  |
| 21.06.2019 | Lauren visited on the ward by social worker. Agreed safety plan for Lauren, Annie and Luke to move to a refuge once Luke is well enough to be discharged.  |  |
| 22.06.2019 | Luke discharged from hospital. Lauren, Annie and Luke move to a refuge out of county. | Lauren, Annie and Luke move to a place of safety. Address is not known to Tom.  |
| 17.07.2019 | C&F assessment completed. CP Plan & LPM recommended & to transfer to LA where Lauren and the children reside in a refuge.  | Safety and care planning taking place for the children. |
| 02.08.2019 | CP transfer meeting held in LA where Lauren and the children now reside.  | Case transferred to new LA who will progress plan to seek legal advice.  |
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