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| **Family Chronology** |

# Child’s Name: Billy (ID: 123456789)

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| Name | Relationship to Child |
| Sarah | Mother |
| Stewart | Father |

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| **Date** | **Incident or sequence of incidents relevant to the child’s welfare** | **Significance** |
| 02.05.1988 | Sarah born |  |
| 16.09.1989 | Stewart born |  |
| 03.03.2017 | Sarah and Stewart meet at a community group and enter into a relationship. |  |
| 16.09.2017 | Sarah and Stewart move to Buckinghamshire together (some 100 miles away from their family members) | Sarah and Stewart less visible to professionals who know them and family members who might be able to support them |
| 01.02. 2019 | Baby Billy born |  |
| 10.02. 2019 | Midwife notes concerns regarding home conditions – messy and untidy. | Indication of struggles of parenting |
| 28.02. 2019 | Health Visitor also notes concerns regarding home conditions. Billy dressed in a dirty baby grow and nappy was very full, seemingly not been changed for some time. Health Visitor addresses this with the parents who appear defensive and somewhat aggressive. | Possible indicator of early sign of neglect |
| 16.03. 2019 | Parents are not at home for pre-arranged health visitor appointment. Health Visitor sends a letter for follow up visit. | Possible lack of engagement? |
| 19.03. 2019 | No answer at door when health visitor attempts visit. No answer on parent’s phones. | Missed appointment |
| 20.03. 2019 | Unannounced visit by health visitor – access gained. Home conditions appear worse. Cat seen sleeping in Billy’s moses basket. Mouldy plates in kitchen. Billy has a cough – parents say he has been coughing for a few days but have not taken him to the GP. Health Visitor makes a same day GP appointment for Billy – parents do not turn up to this appointment. | Concerns regarding neglect. Billy’s health needs not being prioritised |
| 27.03. 2019 | Parents bring Billy to health visiting clinic to be weighed at health visitor’s request. Billy not gaining weight. Sarah is seen trying to force feed Billy by shoving the bottle teat into his mouth. Health Visitor intervenes to support Sarah. | Sarah appears to need support in parenting. Concern that Billy’s weight has stayed the same. |
| 05.04. 2019 | Parents take Billy to stay and play class (which is aimed at older children). Children’s Centre worker notes that the couple’s response to Billy seems “off” – they are holding Billy in awkward positions, trying to feed him solid foods (organic crisp puffs) and telling him off for crying. Children’s Centre worker informs health visitor. | Positive that parents are trying to take Billy to a baby group (though this is one is not appropriate for his age). Concern re parenting skills and their understanding of a child’s needs in accordance with their age. |
| 09.04. 2019 | Health Visitor calls parents to discuss concerns from Children’s Centre. She arranges same day visit.  During home visit, health visitor expresses concerns to parents who are resistant and say they are struggling with keeping the house tidy because Billy is not sleeping. They also disclose their benefits have been stopped and so they do not have much money and request food bank vouchers to obtain baby milk for Billy. Health Visitor explains purpose of Early Help services and parents agree for a referral. | Concern regarding financial difficulties and parents struggling to maintain home and care for Billy. They are willing to engage with support. |
| 10.04. 2019 | Referral made to Children’s Services requesting Early Help intervention. | Referral made for support. |
| 12.04. 2019 | Referral accepted by Early Help and opened to team. |  |
| 22.04. 2019 | Initial visit by Early Help. Graded Care Profile completed and plan of intervention discussed. Home observed to be untidy and no bedding in moses basket. Cat faeces on floor by litter tray. | Intervention started. Concerns noted re home conditions again. |
| 03.05.2019 | Parents miss joint Health Visitor & Early Help appointment which would have been focusing on basics of parenting skills. | Lack of engagement |
| 14.05.2019 | No one home at pre-planned visit by Early Help. Parents called, they say they are out at the pub having dinner (6pm). | Lack of engagement. Query where parents are getting money from, given that they recently reported lack of funds to buy Billy’s baby milk. |
| 15.05.2019 | Parents miss Billy’s immunisations appointment. | Billy’s health needs not being prioritised. |
| 30.05.2019 | Health Visitor sees parents in baby clinic. Parents say they forgot about immunisations. Have not yet rebooked the appointment. Billy has lost weight and seen guzzling his bottle when fed by Sarah in the clinic. | Billy appeared hungry and guzzling his bottle quickly. |
| 01.06.2019 | Health Visitor speaks to Early Help worker to discuss concerns regarding ongoing neglect, lack of engagement and that Billy has now lost weight. Early Help worker agrees to discuss escalation to Safeguarding. | Planning in terms of escalation of concern. |
| 03.06.2019 | Referral made to MASH for Billy by Early Help worker. MASH checks completed, parents both known to another LA in their own childhoods for suspected learning disabilities. Opened for C&F assessment. |  |
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