

7. Links:

“On the Edge” - Stockport’s Knife and Weapons Strategy sets out how Stockport’s plans to tackle knife and weapons-related crime:

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=163599>

6. Other Learning

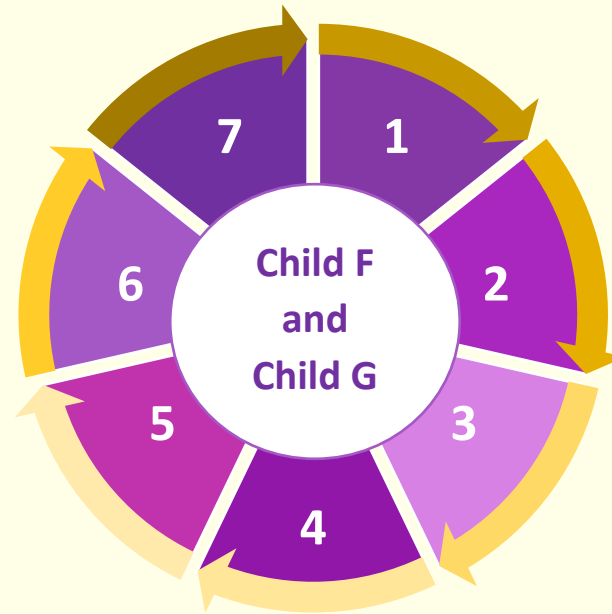
- Systemic response as to how children who pose a risk are educated.
- It is important to consider the impact of trauma on a family. Both children experienced significant childhood adverse experiences such as Domestic Abuse within the family environment.

5 Engaging with Young People

The review highlighted the tenacity of school staff in reducing risk through intervention, however, learning from the review suggests a need to consider non-engagement from young people & identify ways to maintain services. In this case there was an issue about the use of language with regards blaming the young person for not attending or placing the onus on them to engage. E.g. some services needed the child to be in school, & so exclusion precluded attendance.

1 Overview

Two Rapid Reviews were conducted to identify learning from both perspectives in relation to a knife crime incident which occurred during a prearranged fight between two teenage friends following a dispute on social media.



4 Escalation of Risk

Consideration should be given to reassessing the level of risk when working with families that are constantly in crisis and information should be shared with all agencies. Here risk changed rapidly for Child F whose behaviour deteriorated rapidly over a short space of time.

2 Cohesive Multi-Agency Approach

Whilst lots of good practice and partnership working was evident from agencies, numerous referrals & conversations at different panels, put a strain on the family to attend different settings & missed the opportunity for a multi-agency cohesive response, leading in part to collectively losing the voice of the child. To address this the local authority has moved to a weekly panel meeting to look at young people with complex safeguarding issues in order to try & put in place a cohesive & co-ordinated approach around support. This consolidates learning from another SCR which highlighted the importance of having one plan rather than single agency plans.

3 Mental Health

There needs to be a consideration of mental health & medical conditions & the impact on the young person & their family. In this case not fully understanding the child’s mental health & what was potentially causing this led to assumptions being made that behaviours were due to regular cannabis use.



7 Minute Briefing

