

Dear Registrars

Please see below a list of cases to read and reflect on before next week's safeguarding children's session.

We will be using breakout groups to enable you to discuss a few of them with your peers and also taking questions after the breakout groups if there are outstanding issues or concerns.

Following the session we will send round our suggested "things to consider" for each case and you can use this to reflect further on your learning which would contribute to the hours needed to demonstrate safeguarding children training compliance.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Best wishes

Charlotte and Gabi

Case 1

The Dudek family come and register with your practice and come and see you for their first consultation. They introduce the 2 children they have brought with them as their 5 year old daughter and her 6 year old friend. They all moved to the UK 6 months ago.

What else do you want to know?

What would/should you do?

Case 2

Martha a 12 year old girl was noted to have a heart murmur by the Consultant Paediatrician during a consultation for enuresis. She was referred on for a Cardiology opinion and was not taken for her follow up appointment for her enuresis and was discharged.

What would your action be on receiving her missed appointment letter?

3 months later you notice a further missed appointment letter from the Cardiology clinic – what would you do now?

Case 3

A 2 month old baby presents for her 6 week baby check at 9 weeks of age and is noted to have dropped 2 centiles in weight since birth and to have “colic”.

Mum has a history of mental health problems but tells you she is stable at the moment.

During the baby check Mum tells you she informed the Health Visitor last week she had noticed bruises “come and go” on her baby’s face, but there is nothing on examination today.

How would you proceed?

What other information might you gain?

Case 4

It is a Monday evening surgery, Holly (aged 14) comes to see you for emergency contraception and to start the contraceptive pill.

She is reluctant to talk but does tell you she isn’t 100% sure she actually had sex at the party on Saturday night as she was drunk.

What issues may you wish to discuss?

Does it make a difference if she is 12 yrs old ?

Case 5

Mum brings her 2 year old daughter to see you worried about her vulval area. You note from the records that the 2 year old has missed her recent 2 year check, and the Health Visitor rang the surgery the week before checking they had the correct address for the child.

On examination, you note the 2 year old has genital warts.

What else do you want to know?

What would you tell Mum?

Who else might you contact?

You refer the child to GU Medicine, and they do not attend the appointment? You ring the landline number and someone answer saying Mum and daughter moved out 6 months ago.

What do you do now?

Case 6

John is 8 and lives with both of his parents who are identified on your list as having mild to moderate learning difficulties. John's school nurse rings you to say John has an attendance record over the past 12 months of 68% and when he does attend the teachers report that he is often in the same clothes as the day before.

She asks if the surgery have any concerns about John and his family?

What would you say or do? Do you need consent to share information?

Case 7

Harvey is a 16 year old young man who comes to see you as he feels low in mood. He discloses that he has started to self harm by cutting his arms. He feels there is a lot of pressure on him to do well in his education as his older sister is training to be a doctor at University. Harvey's Mum and Dad are keen for him to go to medical school too, but he wants to go to Art College. He is home educated.

How would you support Harvey?

What else might you want to consider might be a cause of his emotional health presentation?

Case 8

Your practice nurse has recently got divorced and has a 3 year old daughter at Nursery.

You notice she has turned up late on a few occasions and one of your reception staff reported smelling alcohol on her breath the week before.

You are about to approach the Nurse and ask her how things are going, when your practice manager comes in to say a parent in the waiting area wants to speak to a GP immediately about the way this Nurse had held her baby whilst giving her an injection.

Who would you speak to first?

How would you proceed, if the parent alleges the Nurse held the baby by its foot so hard it now has a bruise?

Case 9

Your practice nurse comes to get your advice. She has just vaccinated 3 children from a Somali family who are returning to Somalia next week for the summer holidays and wondered if she should be concerned.

What is she likely to be concerned about?

What else might you want to know?

How would you proceed?

The family go away for the summer, in September you get a phone call from a charity worker who works at the local Refugee Support Group. She had been asked by the children's Mum to ring and get an appointment for her 7 year old daughter as she was bleeding vaginally after undergoing FGM whilst abroad.

How do you respond now?