

Learning Briefing - Rapid Review RR26-1

Circumstances

A review was completed following a 7 year old dying in a tragic car accident after running into moving traffic.

The family were known to the partnership due to concerns regarding neglect. It was also known that the child had a diagnosis of ASD and was largely non verbal.

The child had previously absconded from the family home alone which was a known risk due to a lack of risk awareness. The family and professionals were aware of this and the family had inputted safety measures. However, On this occasion, these measures were unable to prevent the incident.

Additional concerns were raised following the review regarding work completed with his mother and her understanding of this. The suggestion was made she may have an undiagnosed learning need and therefore required additional support to understand assessments and support provided.

Partnership Learning Points

-The Nottinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership recommends learning from this case is used in the ongoing work being carried out in the MASH to ensure multi agency decision making is standard process for all referrals.

- The Nottinghamshire Children's Safeguarding Partnership to develop and embed an Early Help pathway for recognising, exploring, and responding to parental learning difficulties—aligned with the Family First Partnership model—so that concerns about understanding, retention, and capacity to implement safety plans are identified and supported and hopefully preventing unnecessary escalation to statutory safeguarding services