



## WALSALL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

### Case Review Executive Summary

#### The Review

Eighteen month old P and his 4 year old sister were removed from their parent's care following allegations of extreme domestic violence and sexual assault on their mother. She had refused offers of refuge for her with her children.

P and his sister were placed with foster carers. P was presented to A & E by his foster mother, she said he had been standing in the kitchen holding her skirt, he fell and banged his head on a tiled floor. P suffered serious permanent brain injury; he remains in the care of the Local Authority. The criminal investigation has proved inconclusive.

#### Findings

There were missed opportunities to share information and take action with earlier domestic violence incidents.

Social Care staff did not seek the support of partner agencies in monitoring risk.

Case records did not detail how diversity issues were covered in the foster carer's assessment.

Case records did not provide a comprehensive picture of training offered to foster carer.

#### Recommendations

A review of domestic violence support service for Asian women shall be undertaken

DV Forum should be asked to assess any barriers to BME men accessing SAFE programme

All Children's Services staff should access domestic violence training

Domestic violence training for child care staff should emphasise monitoring role of other agencies

Paediatric First Aid should be compulsory for all foster carers.

LSCB to review the equality and diversity training available to all staff.