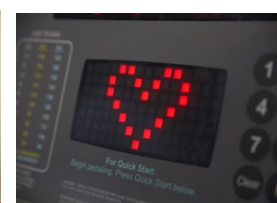
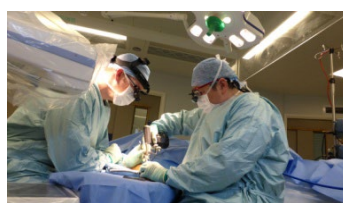


National/System Children's Services Update

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Key Updates

- Publication of the National Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson – May 2022.
 - Appendix I – Letter to Safeguarding Partners
 - Appendix II – Full document

- CQC/Ofsted SEND Inspection Bradford – June 2022.
 - Appendix III – Send Inspection letter

National Review

- Implications for Safeguarding both nationally and locally.
- Problematic Areas of “what went wrong” identified:
 - Weakness in information sharing and seeking within and between agencies.
 - A lack of critical thinking and challenge, compounded by failure to trigger statutory processes.
 - Lack of specialist child protection skills in relation to complex risk assessments and complex situations.
 - A need to create the best possible conditions for professionals to work in to do their best.

BTHFT Context

- Star Hobson was a child from the City.
- Star touched on many of our (BTHFT) services including:
 - Maternity
 - Acute Paediatrics (Child Protection Medical)
- BTHFT Safeguarding practitioners have been working with the wider system to make overall improvements whilst acting on any issues pertaining to BTHFT.

BTHFT Actions

- 1 All agencies to ensure that the Pre-birth Assessment procedures are available to relevant staff and that they have highlighted their existence.**
 - 2 Review the specialist pathways for teenage mothers 16 and 17.**
 - 3 Child Protection Medical Assessments to be reviewed in the light of the learning from this case.**
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- 1 Highlight the importance of inter-agency communication to address “disguised compliance” by parents.
 - 2 Staff to commence a dynamic chronology when they become aware of emerging safeguarding.
 - 3 Routine enquiry about domestic abuse is embedded in professional practice of midwifery and health visitor services.

SEND

- Joint CQC/Ofsted Inspection of Bradford to review the effectiveness of implementation of the special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.
- Inspection took place in March 2022 and was city wide involving all relevant partners.
- The attached letter outlines the areas of strength, weakness and areas for development.
- Five areas of specific concern were raised and as a system we need to address these.

5 Areas of Concern

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- Poor communication between stakeholders across education, health and care.
- The variable quality of EHC plans, including plans which do not fully describe the provision that children and young people with SEND need.
- The inconsistent delivery of the 0 to 19 health visiting, school nursing and specialist nursing services.
- Children and young people wait too long for assessments, treatment and diagnosis. There is insufficient support for children and young people with SEND who are waiting for provision, services, diagnosis or equipment.
- Education, health and care services do not work together well. The arrangements for joint commissioning are underdeveloped.

Next Steps

- **National Review**

- BTHFT have developed local action plans that are feeding into the wider system actions.
- Actions and updates will be shared via Safeguarding meetings and to Quality Academy.
- It is expected that wider national recommendations may be developed in to how national we move forward with safeguarding children.

- **SEND Inspection**

- A coordinated response and action plan is being developed across all agencies.
- BTHFT will need to review and revise services to identify any challenges in service delivery to inform how we develop services across the district.
- Regular updates will be provided to Board as and when new developments occur.

Thank you