

Request for Support



Essex County Council

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Name	Position	Agency	Address	Contact number	Email
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Agencies involved with the child/ren / young person

Agency	Name	Phone number
School Nurse	Helen Lemons	01277434343

Do the parent(s)/ carer(s) / Young Person (16 Years Plus) give consent to sharing of information? Yes

Please state who has given consent

Name	Relationship	Written consent obtained	Verbal consent obtained
Sarah Brown	Mother		Yes

Are the child(ren)/ young person(s) aware? No

Please describe who and why Due to Joe's age didn't feel it was appropriate to discuss the referral.

Are the parent(s)/ carer(s) aware? Yes

Please state names and relationships of those made aware Sarah Brown - Mother

Have the parent(s)/ carer(s) specified that this information should not be shared with a particular person/ agency? No

Do you know the child/ren's / Young Person (16 Years Plus) details? Yes

Child/ren / Young Person's Details

Name	Date of birth or expected date of delivery	Gender	Ethnicity	Religion	Disability
Joe Brown	01.03.2009	Male	White British	not known	none

Child/rens Main address (including postcode and telephone numbers) 11 The Street, Essex Town, Essex, ET25DP Sarah - 01277535353 Jill (MGM) - 01277454545

Current address if different, e.g. staying with a relative (including telephone numbers) Staying at home address

Family / household members

Name	Date of birth or expected date of delivery	Gender	Parental Responsibility	Ethnicity	Religion	Relationship to child/ young person
Sarah Brown	06.10.1987	Female	yes	White British	Unknown	Mother

Other significant people not living in the household

Name	Date of birth or expected date of delivery	Gender	Parental Responsibility	Ethnicity	Religion	Relationship to child/ young person
Mathew Orange	25.07.1985	Male	yes	White British	not known	Father
Jill Brown	unknown	female	no	White British	Christian	Maternal Grandmother

Communication needs (including language) No identified communication issues for anyone in the family. Due to mothers current emotional wellbeing / mental health she would benefit for correspondence in writing as she has advised she is finding it difficult to retain lots of verbal information.

Legal status/ immigration status Not Applicable

What are you worried about? Joe lives with his mother Sarah in rented accommodation. Sarah has got behind with the rent and has been advised that she is facing eviction. Sarah has recently separated from Joe's father and the relationship is acrimonious at times, in particular in relation to contact. Sarah speaks of Joe's father presenting at the home and making threats to remove Joe from her care. Prior to the separation Sarah would present at school distressed at times, had spoken of being frightened to go home to other parents in the playground and was seen with a bruise on her arm which she states was a result of falling on the stairs. Police have advised that there had been one high risk domestic abuse incident, however at the time Sarah denied the relationship was abusive. Joe was present when the incident occurred. As a result of recent events Sarah is suffering from low mood and is advising that she will cry all day and finds day to day decision making difficult. Joe has presented in school without his packed lunch and at times his clothing is not as clean as it used to be. Joe talks about his mother and father arguing and how he cries in bed at night. He has spoken of how he cuddles his mother to make her happy and how he tries to support her by making their breakfast in the morning and tidying his room. We have held two 'team around the family' meetings however this has not been successful in bringing professionals and family together to make the desired changes.

What is going well for this family and what resources/ services are already in place? Joe's nan will collect him from school and supports his mother when she can. Joe's nan works part time and cares for his grandfather so has limited spare time. Joe enjoys school and is achieving as expected of a child his age. Sarah is engaging with the school and has been honest about her current difficulties and is asking for help. We are exploring support from the counsellor attached to the school for Joe which should be in place within the next 2 weeks however at this time Joe knows he can speak to his class teacher or myself and we are checking in on him daily.

What needs to change to make things better/ safer for this child/ren? The family need support at this time and it would be helpful if this could include mother, maternal grandmother and Joe's father taking into consideration the concerns for domestic abuse. Sarah would benefit from mental health support. Sarah would benefit from support in relation to her housing needs and to prevent the possible eviction. Joe may benefit from support around the caring role that he is undertaking for his mother and the care role he is taking for himself at times.

Are there any safety issues/ hazards to be aware of? Yes

Please specify Concerns for domestic violence between parents. Father has been observed to on occasion be verbally aggressive to staff however when spoke to has calmed down.

Would you like an email confirmation that your request for support has been received?: No