**Professional Curiosity Training**

**Pre Reading**

**Case Scenario**

**Family:**

Mum

Mum’s Partner (Father to children)

Child 1 – 15 years

Child 2 – 4 years

Child 3 – 11 months

* Police were called at 0600 to a report of shouting and screaming coming from an address
* Research showed that the police had attended several times since lock down started (10 calls) following calls from concerned neighbours regarding disturbances
* When Police arrived, the female was immediately hostile to the police and demanded to know who had called them
* The house was messy and chaotic. The bath was about to flow over, there was a punch hole in the lounge door and a strong smell of cannabis
* Three children were present in the property
* The female denied her male partner was in the address and that there had been any shouting
* Officers saw Child 2 had a bruise type mark to his face; the female stated he had slipped on the stairs and it was a carpet burn
* Child 1 was dressed; their phone was constantly ringing and they became very agitated when officers asked them to turn it off so they could speak to them
* The female remained extremely hostile and so the officers decided to not complete a domestic abuse risk assessment with her
* The female was constantly shouting using aggressive and bad language. The children were becoming very distressed
* Neighbours started coming to the front door demanding to know what the police were doing there
* Whilst at the house, Police received a request to attend another incident so one remained at the property and one left
* As the female had stated the male was not in the address it was unclear if the call to police was genuine; The Police Officer made the decision to leave the address as he felt he had no powers to be in there
* When the officer wrote up the report, he deemed the incident “medium risk”

**Further information that became available after the event;**

* The family has had 2 older children removed due to neglect
* The family were open to Children’s Social Care
* The male has total mistrust for “authorities”
* Calls to police regarding concerns have come from various sources
* After this incident, the female made 4 calls to the Social Worker stating her partner had stopped her from taking the child with an injury to his face to the hospital to access treatment