

Lawful Chastisement

“Practice Points” Learning Scenarios

To be discussed in Team/Group Sessions – 15 minute discussion

The WSSCP invite you, in team meetings or during group supervision, to discuss a child safeguarding issue. We encourage responses to be included in your team minutes and forwarded to the safeguarding lead within your organisation.

We hope that this is a way in which frontline staff across the city can explore some areas of learning without the need to attend formal training. It should also highlight areas of further learning.

We are happy to provide assistance with access to relevant learning materials

Consider the following question, and discuss.....

Anna is aged ten and from a Chinese family. Today she was very upset. She tells you that her dad often hits her mother. Last night her father made her stand on one leg as a punishment for 20 minutes. He also threw the Hoover at her, because her school grades have dropped. She says he also hits her 6yr old sibling; he is head of the family so it is “done that way”



What would you do to assist this young person?

Points for discussion:

How would you progress this matter?

What further information would you like from the mother or child?



Do you require any further information from other agencies and how might you obtain this?

Would you talk to the family about your concerns?

What is your role in this situation?

How would you assess this risk?

If you are leading this discussion here is information for you to explore to assist with the discussion:

WSSCP Website

<https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/>

WORTH

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11152/worth_services.pdf

NSPCC

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/help-and-advice/for-parents-and-carers/guides-for-parents/better-behaviour/better-behaviour_wda90710.html

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/help-and-advice/for-parents-and-carers/guides-for-parents/listening-to-children/listening-to-children_wda90713.html

CPS

http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/l_to_o/offences_against_the_person/

<http://www.keepcalmtalklaw.co.uk/punishing-your-child-chastisement/>

There may be other information available and links to these maybe held within the information above.

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