"Practice Points"

Learning Scenarios

Domestic Abuse - Cultural Assumptions

Brighton & Hove BHSCP Safeguarding Children Partnership

To be used in Team/Group Sessions/Supervision

As a 15-minute discussion point.

The BHSCP Learning & Development subcommittee invite you, in team meetings or during group supervision, up to four times a year 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.

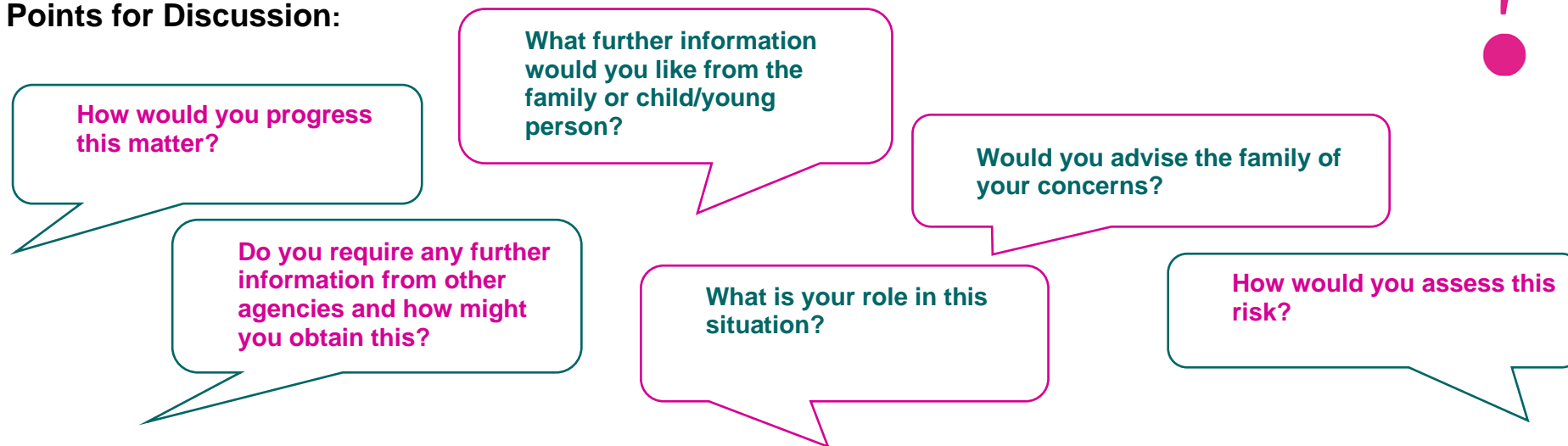We are happy to help with access to relevant learning materials

Consider the following question and discuss…………………

> **Abdul and his sister Myah live with their mother and father, there have been serious concerns around domestic abuse that the children have witnessed. However, the mother has stated that the behaviour shown by father is normal within their culture and that she deserved the beatings. The family have an uncle who is a local Iman at the mosque that they attend, and he is well known in the community, in which they live, she says that it would bring "shame" on the family.**

What would or could you do to assist this young person and or his family?

Points for Discussion:

How would you progress this matter?

What further information would you like from the family or child/young person?

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

Would you advise the family of your concerns?

What is your role in this situation?

How would you assess this risk?

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

BHSCP - https://www.bhscp.org.uk/preventing-abuse-and-neglect/types-of-abuse-and-neglect/domestic-abuse/

NSPCC – https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/case-reviews/learning/culture-faith/?

VAWG - http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/council-and-democracy/equality/domestic-violence-sexual-violence-and-violence-against-women

GOV.uk - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-guidance-framework-controlling-or-coercive-behaviour-in-an-intimate-or-family-relationship

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