

# CHILD DELTA BRIEFING

THIS 9 MINUTE BRIEFING IS AIMED AT PROFESSIONALS WHO  
WORK WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

This short briefing presents the key findings and recommendations from a multi-agency review on **Child DELTA**. A full report is available on the BHSCP website, professionals working in partner agencies in Brighton & Hove can also request through [BHSCP.admin@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:BHSCP.admin@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) commissioned this Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR) following the tragic death of a 20-month-old girl in December 2019. The post-mortem found that her death was caused by a combination of starvation ketoacidosis and influenza as a result of Delta being left alone for 6 days.

## Child Delta – Recommendations

Greater possible risks to Delta *may* have been identified had there been:

- Identification of Mother's ongoing mental health needs, as indicated by her reported anxiety, panic attacks and eating problems, along with her lack of speaking about her Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).
- Identification that Mother's lack of acknowledgement of, and receipt of therapy for, her earlier traumas could in itself be a risk indicator for her long-term emotional welfare and consequently a potential risk for her daughter's welfare.
- An assessment from Delta's perspective, in December 2018, **prior** to closing the CIN service; this should have taken account of Mother's deceit in relation to college attendance, the loss of a nursery placement providing monitoring of Delta's welfare and plans for mother's independence.
- A step-down process from CIN which involves the identification of a lead professional and continued multi-agency meetings focused on Delta.
- A holistic assessment prior to any decision about independence and the type of accommodation required to provide safe care of Delta.

## Key Learning opportunities

- Pre-birth for Mum – missing from home.
- Child sexual exploitation (CSE).
- Trauma - MGM's own childhood history involved much tragedy with her parents dying in the genocide in Rwanda.
- Domestic Abuse
- Cousin was murdered, followed by the loss of two close family friends, one of whom was also murdered and the one was death by suicide.

Click [here](#) for the full report.

## Child Delta – Links and further reading:

[Professional Difference | Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual](#)

[Resolving Professional Differences | Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual](#)

[BHSCP](#)

[The Learning Zone](#)

(N.B The Learning Zone: for Brighton & Hove City Council training courses only)

## Multi-Agency Training Provided by BHSCP:

- **Domestic Violence & Abuse: The Impact on Children & Young People**
- **Trauma Informed Practice: A Multi-Agency Approach**
- **Child Neglect**
- **Child Sexual Abuse – Identifying, Responding & Supporting**
- **Graded Care Profile (GCP2)**
- **Cultural Competence and Anti-Racist Practice Training**
- **Addressing Barriers to Safeguarding Children Effectively & Appropriately - Adulthood**
- **Professional Differences/Challenges**
- **Identifying and reducing the risks of adolescent radicalisation, criminal and sexual exploitation**

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