

Case Summary

Reason for referral and summary of our involvement, including previous involvement

- Referral from Sussex CSC on the 7th December 2022, following the assessment for the below concerns, as their recommendation is for the family to have a Child in Need (CIN) plan due to Shereen's (mother) mental health and the risk to George. However, family have declined a CIN plan and have moved in with Shereen's mother in Penge until they sell their house and move to one in Sydenham. Therefore, the case closed to Sussex.
- Shereen has told the GP that she believes George to have heavy metal poisoning, underlying neurological conditions and side effects from her taking Sertraline when pregnant. The GP is concerned as Michael is corroborating this and they feel there is nothing wrong with George. They have booked him in for an MRI to confirm but are worried that George is at risk of harm in Shereen's care. Shereen currently has no mental health support in place.

Referral from the Beaconsfield Medical Practice addressing that Shereen has taken hair samples of George and is convinced he has heavy metal poisoning. The referrer also stated that Shereen is organising further tests, to include private doctors, as she remains convinced that George is having underlying neurological conditions.

- The referrer informed that Michael (father) has the same beliefs as Shereen which are quite far-fetched and may have persistent negative affect on George's development. Concern remains around ongoing medicating of George's non-existent neurological symptoms and that the family is now living in Penge.
- The original GPs views were that George does not have any underlying neurological condition, as evidenced by his observations and Dr Adebola.

History

The family was recently known to Bromley Children's Social Care on 09/04/2021 due to the same concerns raised within the current referral.

03/12/21 - Concerns about George's Heath development due to parents self-medicating him for underlying neurological conditions without a formal diagnosis and the impact of self-medication on his organs as like liver function - closed due to the family being open to Sussex.

Our worries for George:

- **Home visit on the 10th January 2023, George was seen at home with parents and grandparents.** Shereen shared that it looks like George has the same condition/disease as Stephen Hawkins ALS. I explored with Shereen that George is still young, and she shared that it has been caught early. Michael shared there is no confirmation, and they are waiting for Dr Rodney and team to confirm this with them.

Shereen continued while George was out of the room and mentioned that she noticed George has Linden symptoms, she noticed that he used to talk well before but now his speech is slurred and was not forming his letters properly. He became wobbly, involuntary movement of his leg and doctor told the family that George has muscle wastage in his leg (I think it was left leg from the actions of father)

Shereen shared that there is no treatment for what George has. Shereen mentioned that George's condition would get worse if he gets viruses, he has a tick bite him while on holiday and that gave George a virus, he also got COVID 19 and had herpes from a previous nursery he attended and because of this is not in nursery . Michael mentioned that by April 2023 George will attend a nursery in Sydenham, pending on the house move. The family shared that they have moved out of their previous home due to the toxins, heavy metal poisoning/lead in the home that affected George. Shereen shared that the previous home had many toxins in it from the building material used as it was from post-World War 2.

Shereen also mentioned that she was given Sertraline for her anxiety by the GP in Sussex and so that could George's condition as he had toxins inside him. Shereen shared that the GP told her that it was safe to breastfeed George and take Sertraline, however she found out this was not the case and yes, she did shout at the GP and then in turn the GP in Sussex called her 'mad' and called the mental health team on her and the GP was always quick to call social services.

The social worker explored with Shereen and Michael about the MRI scan that George was due to take on the 16th Dec 2022, and Shereen shared that George did not attend the MRI scan as he was unwell, he threw up and needs to be rebooked.

Shereen shared that she been doing her own investigation regarding George's health as she knew around June 2022, that George was unwell, Shereen mentioned that George looked yellow and had liver damage from all the medication she took, Shereen shared that George's body is not able to detox all the toxins in his body. Shereen shared concerns for George's immune system.

George was due to attend an MRI scan on the 3/2/2023 but on arrival they spoke to the consultant who stated that they did not feel that the parents had enough information about the procedure and anaesthetic in relation to long term risks for George.

George attended the Princess Royal Hospital on 17/02/2023 for an appointment with Paediatrician Dr Regatta. George was observed and assessed, and Dr Regatta shared that he wishes to rule out any neurological conditions such as Cerebral Palsy for George and that this would need to be completed by MRI. Shereen and Michael are concerned about the long-term effects of anaesthetic for George (he will be too young to sit still for the procedure due to his age and development). Dr Regatta has arranged for a meeting to be held by the Evelina Children's Hospital on 19/04/2023 with their lead anaesthetist team to discuss any concerns the parents may have.

Shereen attended a mental health appointment with Dr Jeraman at the OXLEAS community mental health team on 11/04/2023. Shereen was not offered further Early Intervention support or assessment. The assessing doctor noted to the social worker following the appointment, concerns that Shereen spoke about Sertraline and the associated risks in a manner that raises concerns that she is excessively researching information about medications. Dr Jeraman would be willing to assess Shereen should this be necessary; the social worker communicated this to Shereen who was unhappy

that she would not have clarification of mental health concerns and that this view from professionals would continue to "hang over" her.

We remain curious about. (Current Circumstances: Risk/Complicating Factors)

- George will require an MRI to determine of the cause for his unexplained leg movement issues. Dr Regatta wishes to rule out possible cerebral palsy.

Our plan to increase safety/improve wellbeing/improve outcomes for each child? (Plan for further work /support for the family)

- The family moved to rented accommodation in Sydenham, Lewisham on 14/04/2023. A referral was made to Lewisham MASH team on 12/04/2023 to notify them ahead of the Review Child Protection conference of the family's plans and to invite them to the meeting.

Contingency planning:

- Review RCPC booked for 05/10/2023.
- Should the current plan not protect George from experiencing emotional harm, steps may be taken to consider alternative supports such as family members partaking in a family group conference to identify who can support parents with Georges health and care needs.

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