



# WSCB Learning & Improvement Briefing Sheet 11

## MACFA MESSAGES 2017/18

**Always consider historical information when assessing and working with families such as:**

- ⇒ **Previous relationships**
- ⇒ **Parent's individual history and the impact on their parenting capacity**
- ⇒ **Previous involvement with Children's Social Care and other agencies (including those in other local authority areas)**

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**This Learning & Improvement Briefing consolidates the learning from Multi Agency Case File Audits (MACFA) undertaken in 2017/18 by an Independent Chair. Themes for MACFA reflect the strategic priorities of the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB)**

## Learning: Areas for Improvement

- ◆ Always include parental histories and the impact on a child
- ◆ Consider the significance of missed appointments
- ◆ Source and consider information held in previous local authorities as part of an assessment
- ◆ Consistently follow multi-agency guidance ([West Midlands Safeguarding Children Procedures](#))
- ◆ Make use of the time when Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) are in force to work with family members
- ◆ Consider Targeted Family Support at an earlier stage when Domestic Abuse is present
- ◆ Review during assessments what assistance the wider family can provide
- ◆ Access the PowerPoint for further findings <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/landiresources>

## Learning: Good Practice

- When agencies intervene early
- When meetings are held regularly and used to inform decision making
- Timely communication and information sharing (see [Check Back model](#))
- When direct quotes are used to evidence the voice of the child.

## MACFA Themes in 2017/18

- Children with Disabilities
- Neglect
- Domestic Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation

The findings from the MACFA panel correlate with the findings from: **Pathways to Harm, Pathways to Protection** see [Learning and Improvement Briefing 7](#)

**More Information can be found on the WSCB Website** <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/landiresources>