

Ellie	Mother	26 years	18a Flower Street
Toby	Subject	2 years	18a Flower Street
Larry	Ex-partner	42 years	No fixed abode

Ellie's doing really well. There's a history of substance misuse but she has now been clean for 18 months. The health visitor reports the house is now clean and tidy, and there have been no reports of domestic abuse or rough handling of Toby. Toby has been seen regularly by the health visitor and there have been no concerns about accidents or bruising.

With the support of professionals Ellie separated from Larry 5 months ago, just after the first review conference. She accepted her chastisement of Toby had been slightly over the top, and she has been working with us attending all her sessions and agreeing to see the domestic abuse worker. There was some confusion over the first visit but Ellie explained she had no credit on her phone.

Toby's nursery were struggling with him and relationships with Ellie broke down when they confronted her about being repeatedly late. We've supported Ellie to identify a new nursery and they've been more flexible. We've recorded the old nursery's concerns on file, but there have been no issues since the move.

Ellie has had to cope with repeated victimisation from the neighbours on the estate. They have made 4 allegations about Toby being out late. Ellie has recognised she has made life difficult for herself with her previous behaviours, and has worked to build bridges with the neighbours, offering babysitting and shopping errands. This has not been offered in return, but Ellie's been undaunted. Equally, she has worked to become more independent and has ended contact with her mother. She feels her mother was always critical and has really found herself since she has stood on her own two feet.

I have seen Toby on each visit (2 visits since taking on the case 3 months ago – case had been unallocated for 2 months after agency worker left) and he has been smiling and happy with his mum. He is too young to have wishes and feelings.

The professionals at the last core group no longer have the concerns they had at the last conference as Larry has now left the home.