

LSCB Safeguarding

"Bite Size" Learning Scenarios

Fabricated and Induced Illness

●●● to be discussed in Agency Team Meetings

In the LSCB Learning & Development subgroup we have agreed that organisations and teams be asked to use 15 minutes within relevant team meetings 4 times a year to discuss a safeguarding issue. Team responses should 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 different organisations can explore some areas of learning without the need to attend formal training. It should also highlight areas of further learning. We can provide assistance with access to relevant learning materials.

- *"A mother of an 8 year old girl who has 75% attendance at school presents to you with vague, unusual and changing symptoms which have not responded to treatment that has been provided. Mother says that she has taken the child to be seen by the school nurse, GP and several Paediatricians, as well as several urgent care and emergency centres and no one is able to address her concerns"*

What would you do with this information?

Points for discussion:

- How would you progress this matter?
- What further information would you like from the mother or child?
- Would you advise the family of your concerns?
- How would you assess this risk?
- Do you require any further information from other agencies and how might you obtain this?
- What is your role in this situation?

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

Useful resources

NHS Choices: Fabricated and Induced Illness

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fabricated-or-induced-illness/pages/introduction.aspx>

NHS Choices: Diagnosing Fabricated and Induced Illness

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fabricated-or-induced-illness/pages/diagnosis.aspx>

NSPCC: Fabricated or induced illness in children: a rare form of child abuse?

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/research/briefings/fii_wda83361.html

The London Safeguarding Children's Board 4th Edition of the London Child Protection Procedures P159-164

<https://www.londonscb.gov.uk/>