

# 25 Things to Consider ( Front Line Practitioners)

## Practitioner Responsibilities and Self Assessment Questions

### Recognising Abuse and Harm

1	Do I have the knowledge and skills to recognise bruising that may be indicative of a non-accidental injury? Particularly pre-mobile baby!	
2	Am I confident that I understand the heightened risk/impact where Domestic Abuse, Mental Health and substance Misuse are present ? (Trilogy of Risk)	
3	Risk/Harm is dynamic- am I alert to changes that may indicate a move from Need to Protection? – Using Thresholds Guidance	
4	Do I have the knowledge and skills to recognise a child/young person’s underlying vulnerability to child sexual abuse and exploitation and recognition of early indications of CSE?	
5	Am I up to date with the latest developments in ‘on line safety’?	

### Procedures

6	Do I know the referral procedure in the case of a pre-mobile baby with injuries/bruising ?	
7	Is there a clear plan (including contingencies) where a suspected non accidental injury has taken place?	
8	Does my recording reflect the work I have undertaken including the voice of the service user and evidence based decision making? Decisions agreed with manager are recorded	

### Direct Practice

9	Am I sufficiently aware of any history that may impact on parenting e.g. .they were a Looked after child	
10	Am I confident to ask challenging questions about very sensitive matters? E.g. Domestic Abuse, Sexual Exploitation	
11	Do I know how to recognise evasion and disguised compliance ? What tools do I have to deal with this?	
12	Have I a clear picture of the lived experience the children or vulnerable adult in this family? ‘Walk in their shoes’ through their day	
13	Is there a Young Carer in the family?	
14	Am I putting the needs, views and wishes of the children/vulnerable adult at the forefront, or is the parents/carers a agenda dominating? Who is doing all the talking?	
15	Am I confident that where the child/parents/vulnerable adult/carers whose first language may not be English they have understood the risks/safety plan? What have I done to address this?	
16	Is information available in easy read /picture format for parents who may have a learning disability?	

