

# Serious Case Review 2014 - 'Abigail' (0113)

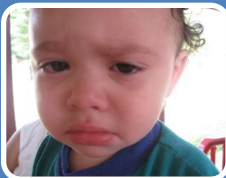
## 'Sharing the Lessons and Reducing the Risk' when working with children in Gloucestershire



**Always keep a clear focus on the experiences of the child.** This can be difficult when having to negotiate the many demands and difficulties of the parents, especially those who can be manipulative and may disguise compliance.



**Communication across and between agencies needs to be open and transparent.** Information sharing between agencies should not be seen as a barrier.



**The impact of neglect** on a child's safety, wellbeing and development is significant. Professionals should focus on building a shared understanding of the child's history through a chronology of significant events across all agencies involved.



**It is the robustness of the plan that will keep the child safe.** Plans must have the child's needs at the heart, include the involvement of all agencies and the family and a contingency plan



**Reflection on Safeguarding Practice** is essential for all staff, especially when dealing with complex abuse and neglect cases.



**Healthy challenge** is an important part of working with families and other professionals. Be persistent, have an inquiring mind and keep asking questions. Professional disagreement is a positive sign of a healthy safeguarding system

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