

# Dental Neglect

## LSCB - “Practice Points” Learning Scenarios

To be discussed in Team/Group Sessions – 15 minute discussion

The LSCB Learning & Development subcommittee invite you, in team meetings or during group supervision, up to four times a year to discuss a child safeguarding issue. We encourage responses to 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 the city can explore some areas of learning without the need to attend formal training. It should also highlight areas of further learning.

We are happy to provide assistance with access to relevant learning materials

Consider the following question, and discuss.....

You are at work, when it is brought to your attention by staff, that twins aged 6yrs, have missed yet another dental appointment. They were referred by a GP, because he was seriously concerned about their dental hygiene and decay.



What would you do to assist this young person and or his family?



**Points for discussion:**

How would you progress this matter?

What further information would you like from the family or child/young person?

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:

**Brighton LSCB**

<http://www.brightonandhovelscb.org.uk/>

**NSPCC**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/neglect/>

**Child Line**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/abuse-safety/neglect/?>

**BDA (British Dental Association)**

<https://www.bda.org/dental-neglect>

[https://www.bda.org/childprotection/Resources/Documents/Childprotectionandthedentalteam\\_v1\\_4\\_Nov09.pdf](https://www.bda.org/childprotection/Resources/Documents/Childprotectionandthedentalteam_v1_4_Nov09.pdf)

**Dept for Education**

<http://www.cwrc.ac.uk/documents/RR404 - Indicators of neglect missed opportunities.pdf>  
( pages 25,26 & 31)

There may be other information available, and links to these maybe held within the information above.....