

SSCB Questions Professionals should be asking themselves when Working with Families

Do you always speak to the child/young person on their own, unless there is a really good reason not to?

Do you make sure the child/young person(s) views are at the forefront of your decision making?

When worried about a child/young person have you always raised the concerns yourself? Or have you assumed someone else has done it?

Is the child/young person always visible in all of the work you do with the family?

Do you share information in the best interests of the child/young person and record this fully on the child/young person(s) record?

Do you always consider the child/young person(s) history and use the chronology to inform your planning?

Do you look at objective evidence of change or are you following the 'rule of optimism'?

Do you try to see the child/young person(s) life through their eyes and experience?

Can you think the unthinkable?
Is this child abuse or neglect?

What is life like for ME?

If you answer NO to any of these questions WHAT are YOU going to do about it? REMEMBER safeguarding children/young people is EVERYONE'S responsibility. For more information please visit the SSCB Website on: www.sunderlandscb.com

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