

Questions Professionals should be asking themselves when working with families (2) – Is this family really working with Professionals?

Are parents/carers ambivalent by:

- Being late for appointments?
- Making excuses?
- Changing the conversation away from the focus on the child and the Plan?

Is the plan really progressing? Are parents/carers really engaging with the work?

Are parents/carers violent or threatening violence through:

- Intimidation of workers and family members?
- Aggression towards workers and family members?
- Displays hatred of workers?
- Personality difficulties?

Are the parents/carers showing avoidance through:

- Avoiding appointments?
- Missing meetings?
- Always having another appointment at the same time as your visit?
- Anxious and hoping that you go away?

What is life like for US?

Do the parents/carers act in a confrontational way through:

- Challenging the accuracy of what you say?
- Being argumentative?

Please check your responses to these questions, then consider **WHAT YOU** are going to do? **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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