

CPC AIDE MEMOIRE – ASSESSMENT, CPPMS, CPMS, CORE GROUPS, PLANNING

Stop! Have you thought about the following in your assessment, before attending planning or core group meetings?

Fathers/men Impact on/involvement with child Fathers/men who do not live in the household Fathers/men who may be protective as well as present a risk Have you Involved them in the plan? Have you heard their views?	Domestic abuse Impact on victim Impact on child Partnering with the non-abusing parent Hold the perpetrator to account for their parenting choice No police involvement does not mean there have been no incidents
Parental substance misuse: Impact on parenting Impact on child Impact on family finances Are drugs kept securely? Have you normalised substance misuse/minimised some substance misuse e.g. cannabis?	Professional Challenge Listen to other people Ask for clarification/more info if you don't understand or disagree Be prepared to challenge and be challenged Accept that you don't know everything Other professionals' views/concerns are valid Challenge is healthy and indicates a functioning system
Professional curiosity Have you relied solely on self-reporting? Have you clarified/checked out self-reports of disability/MH issues/diagnoses/involvement with support services? Seek clarification/advice/info from professionals with expertise Think the unthinkable – are there other explanations? Have you considered the risks to siblings (half, step-siblings/other children?)	Reports and chronologies should be: Accurate; succinct; up-to-date; relevant; in plain English Plans should: Address the risks/needs; have a timescale; be specific & realistic; clearly outline how progress will be measured and the purpose of agency involvement; be made with & understood by families; build on family's strengths.
Bail conditions/Non-harassment Orders/Imprisonment These are not protective factors – they do not last forever – they may provide a brief respite	Protective factors vs positive factors Protective factors directly reduce the risk. Positive factors are good things in a child's life
Difficult to engage families Are there barriers? Too many people involved? Lack of clarity re purpose of involvement/aims of plan? Appointments at inconvenient times/places? What does the family say?	Views of the Child/Family What do they think the issues are? What do they think would help? Are there wider family members/friends who can offer support?