

CREATING SAFER SPACE

Good Practice in Safeguarding Recording

2016 Edition

Activity: An example of recording

Read through the record below.

Put a ✓ in the margin where you think the account meets the principles of good recording.

Put a ✗ cross in the margin where you think the account does not meet the principles of good recording.

If you have time, on a separate sheet of paper...

- reword sections where the principles are not met and/or
- note what is missing.

A few days ago Claire approached me after church. She said "I really need to tell you about Sylvie". A couple of weeks ago Sylvie told Claire that she was really worried about the Hill family. They are a large family with lots of problems, some of them come to our church but some go to Trinity, down the road. Sylvie was very anxious and not sure whether she should do something. It sounds as if she poured out all her worries to Claire. She has a lot going on at home and is finding it hard to keep up with her work.

The situation is that Grandma, who used to help out at the lunch club, is now very poorly and losing her memory. She has said that money is going missing from her room. It is hard to know the rights and wrongs of this. The house is overcrowded and untidy. People are in and out the whole time. Anyone could be going in Gran's room and taking things. There are carers too. But also Gran has dementia.

In addition, Claire knows the children and says they're running wild. They are never at school and don't seem to come to youth club very much. Mum comes to church but often looks tired and drawn. She gets a lot from the fellowship there and is good friends with Kim, whose kids do go to youth club. The kids all used to be friends but the Hill gang just hang about outside now, smoking. The youth club leaders have given up on them but are worried they are at risk. It is well known that undesirable types are on that street looking for vulnerable girls.

Tom did go round to the house but was put off by the noise and chaos there. He couldn't talk to mum, and dad was hostile. He didn't get anywhere.

I think something needs to be done. My plan is to talk to the church safeguarding officer about this.

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Facts? Professional Judgement? Neither?

Recording	F? PJ? N?
She was unable to recall that she had asked me if I would like a cup of tea just a minute earlier and repeated the question every ten minutes throughout my visit. This suggests a form of memory loss.	
He is backward for his age.	
She spent the whole time telling untruths.	
He didn't answer any questions directly (eg Q What is your address? A I'm staying with friends); this continued for the whole half-hour conversation. I am concerned he may be trying to hide something.	
He is a risk to others.	
They live in a fantasy world.	
I noticed that on the floor of the living room was a playmat with Lego on it, some used to build a house. There were children's books on the shelves. This suggests age appropriate activities.	
After church on Sunday he disappeared before I could talk to him. Obviously avoiding me.	