

Individual Case Study Example 2

Problems – Sexual exploitation, absconding, non school attendance, alcohol misuse, challenging behaviour.

L was a looked after young person 15 years of age from a residential care home who repeatedly went missing. L was a case presented at the NI71 practice group meeting in November 2010. L was one of the top ten missing young people. At the meeting an action plan was put in place. The social worker managing the case was present at the meeting.

The case was due for a review in December 2010. However soon after the meeting L went missing again and the residential care home raised concern about L's whereabouts. L left early on a morning on school days and weekends but she failed to attend school and often arrived back home late at night.

The missing service became aware L was frequenting a property that was inappropriate and was associating with an older male who was influencing L's decision not to attend school and alcohol use.

This led to the service arranging a multi agency meeting. The manager from the care home, social worker and police were all invited.

The purpose of the meeting was to share information, assess risk and review the action plan put in place at the NI71 practice group meeting. It was agreed at the meeting L was highly vulnerable and at risk.

Taking on board the new information regarding L's safety an action plan was agreed for a harbouring notice to be given to the older male and L be moved out of area, as it was believed through the care home's feedback about L's challenging behaviour within the home, L would continue to go missing and visit the property.

