Early Years

Bobby aged 3 years shared in circle time that he had hid in his room at the weekend because Daddy was shouting and throwing things and Mummy was crying. Mum usually drops off and picks up from Nursery as she is the nursery cook, however she has been off sick since the weekend and Dad has been dropping Bobby off.

- What would you do immediately?
- Would you record the incident, and if so where?
- What actions would you take in the longer term?
- If you felt that you needed to take further advice who would you speak to?
- Would you do anything differently if Mum was not an employee?

Have domestic abuse information such as posters and stickers placed in public areas (even if the incident hadn’t happened it is useful to have them around as you never know what is happening behind closed doors)

Try and speak to Mum at a time when Dad is not around so that she has an opportunity to talk to you in more depth.

Be aware that if you phone her on the house phone or her mobile Dad could be around or could be monitoring her phone

Make information, relating to domestic support groups in your area, available to Mum she may not do anything immediately but will have the information when she decides to act upon it.

Have a discussion with the LADO.

You will have further information over time on Bobby, if you have concerns of a safeguarding nature contact ChECS.

Make sure you monitor Bobby and provide natural opportunities for him to talk if he needs to.

Do not interrogate him

Remember Bobby is 3; he may be in a household where there is domestic abuse; and then again he may not be. The conversation needs to be had

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Contact the DAHUb yourself if you feel you need to discuss concerns - 0300 123 5101
Primary:
During circle time John aged 7 was discussing what he had done at the weekend, he tells you that he had hid in his room because Daddy was shouting and throwing things and Mummy was crying. Mum usually picks up and drops off but school haven’t seen her since the weekend as Dad has been doing this. Dad is also a governor of the school.

- What would you do immediately?
- Would you record the incident, and if so where?
- What actions would you take in the longer term?
- If you felt that you needed further advice who would you speak to?
- Would you have done anything differently had Dad not been a Governor of the school
- Would it make a difference if dad was a parent Governor or if he was a co-opted Governor?

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Make information, relating to domestic support groups in your area, available to Mum she may not do anything immediately but will have it for if/when she decides to act

Have a discussion with the LADO.

You will have further information over time on John, if you have concerns of a safeguarding nature contact ChECS.

Monitor John; provide natural opportunities for him to talk if he needs to. If he does talk to you remember: do not interrogate, ask open questions if relevant Tell me what you mean by that Explain that to me Describe that (TED)

Check that John is ok.

Remember John may be in a household where there is domestic abuse; and then again he may not be. The conversation needs to be had with the parent

Ensure that positive relationship work is embedded in the curriculum and that specific opportunities take place to support young people in developing positive relationships and protecting themselves.
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Secondary and College:

Mark has been referred to student support as he is failing to complete assignments at home and is appearing distracted. When asked why he becomes confrontational saying: “What goes on in our house is none of your business”. He later says “My dad’s rubbish, he can’t even stick up for himself or defend himself against my Mum; he cant help me, I help him.” No one knows anything about his family other than he lives with his mum, dad and younger brother.

- What would you do immediately?
- Would you record the incident, and if so where?
- What actions should be taken in the longer term?
- If you felt that you needed to take further advice who would you speak to?

Have domestic abuse information such as posters and stickers placed in public areas (even if the incident hadn’t happened it is useful to have them around as you never know what is happening behind closed doors)

You will have further information over time on Mark, if you have concerns of a safeguarding nature contact ChECS.

Monitor Mark; provide natural opportunities for him to talk if he needs to. If he does talk to you remember: do not interrogate, ask open questions if relevant Tell me what you mean by that Explain that to me Describe that (TED)

Check that Mark is ok.

Remember Mark may be in a household where there is domestic abuse; and then again he may not be; there could be other explanations for his comment, do not assume

Try and build up a rapport with Mark and provide him with a place where he can complete his homework.

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