

IICSA - Case Summary

ERASE CSE worker was allocated [CS-A51] on ^{DPA} 01-19. [CS-A51] was assessed as high risk of CSE after forming an online relationship with an older male.

[CS-A51] was adopted at a young age along with her brother, she is diagnosed with autism and has stated she struggles to form relationships. [CS-A51] stated she didn't have a good relationship with her parents and she feels unheard and not understood. ERASE CSE worker has addressed this with parents but they were of the opinion that they have tried to reach out to [CS-A51] but she continually refuses.

Work has been undertaken with parents regarding the impact autism can have for [CS-A51] as she struggles to form relationships face to face hence the online relationship she has formed.

As intervention with [CS-A51] continued, communication style was adapted using appropriate language and visual exercises to enable her to understand the work being completed and her parents perspective, given her learning needs.

[CS-A51] was encouraged to make contact with her grandparents as she had previously been close to them. [CS-A51] was encouraged to have input in the agenda for her TAFs and attend with her parents, where she was supported to express her views regarding her relationship with her parents.

[CS-A51]'s engagement continued to be good and she was encouraged to make suggestions regarding the format of sessions and where they were held.

Direct work by the ERASE CSE worker has enabled [CS-A51] to develop a good understanding of CSE and grooming but she struggled to see that she was at risk of this, stating she chose to chat online and chose to meet with the older male willingly. [CS-A51] can now understand she was possibly groomed. Close liaison with the ERASE police analyst has helped identify the male and his convictions, which led to joint work between Police and CSE worker to engage [CS-A51] in understanding the risks.

A referral was submitted into Full Circle Therapeutic Social Work team for trauma and attachment work to be undertaken with parents initially and then the family as a whole as the ongoing issue is the lack of communication and understanding between family members.

[CS-A51] was referred to Durham Works by the CSE worker and has engaged well with Durham Works who offer services to 16 – 24 year olds who are NEET or at risk of NEET and who have provided a two week placement for her. This has increased [CS-A51]'s confidence and she since been put forward to attend another course, which she is looking forward to.

[CS-A51]'s confidence has increased, she is mixing with peers much better, the work with Full Circle for the family continues, she has weekly contact with her grandparents and has sleep overs and is hoping for a career in hospitality and now speaks of her future more positively.

[CS-A51] remains in contact with the older male however as she is now busy in her day to day life therefore the contact has reduced .