

City of Balaclava Child FIRST/Local Intake Referral Form

Consent and Level of Concern

Has the referrer discussed referral with family and got consent for a referral to Child FIRST/Local Intake? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the family willing to engage with Child FIRST/Local Intake? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the referrer currently have significant concerns for the wellbeing of a child or children in the family? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Child Protection Involvement

Historical Involvement

Have any of the family/household members had involvement with Child Protection? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Details: Previous CP involvement in 2023 due to family violence from father. Case closed after father's incarceration and mother's engagement with support services.

Current Involvement

Is there any current Child Protection involvement with the family? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Referrer's Details

Date of Referral: 07/12/2024

Referrer's Name: Sarah Johnson

Referrer's Position: Family Support Worker

Referrer's Email address: s.johnson@balaclava.org.au

Referrer's Agency: Balaclava Family Services

☒ Professional ☐ Self ☐ Family ☐ Other

Family Details

Primary Carer Details: Carer 1

First Name: Verity

Surname: Fakename

Relationship to children: Mother

Address: 4/124 Fake Street, South Melbourne

Date of Birth: 12/05/2001

Sex: ☐ M ☒ F

Phone: [contact details]

Best time to contact: School hours

Children/Young People

1. **Name: Emily Fakename**
Sex: F
DOB/Age: 3 years
Relationship to primary carer: Daughter
Address: Same as above
Reside in Household? ☒ Y ☐ N
2. **Name: Brett Fakename**
Sex: M
DOB/Age: 6 years
Relationship to primary carer: Son
Address: Same as above
Reside in Household? ☒ Y ☐ N

Housing

☒ Renting - Public

Alerts

Have you been in the family home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Violence towards workers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Weapons in the home? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Pets (dogs) at the home? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Brief assessment of home environment: Home is cluttered but children have basic needs met. Both children have own beds and appear clean and well-fed. Limited educational resources noted.

Safety Issues

History of family violence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Details: Historical FV from father who is currently incarcerated. Pending release.

Drug and alcohol issues? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Mental health issues?

Mother appears to be experiencing depression but engaged with supports.

Aim and purpose of referral

1. Presenting issues:

- **Mother experiencing depression**
- **Emily (3yo) diagnosed with autism, behind on health checks**
- **Brett (6yo) displaying behavioral issues, irregular school attendance**

- **Limited support network**
- **Housing instability**
- **Financial stress**
- **Father pending release from prison**

2. What is the family seeking from the service?

- **Support with children's developmental needs**
- **Mental health support for mother**
- **Assistance with housing stability**
- **Support with school engagement**
- **Parenting support**

3. Identified strengths:

- **Mother protective and engaged with services**
- **Children's basic needs consistently met**
- **Mother maintaining housing despite challenges**
- **No substance abuse issues**
- **Children appear bonded with mother**
- **Mother insight into support needs**

4. Issues not identified by family:

- **Need for safety planning regarding father's release**
- **Need for legal support/advice**
- **Children's possible trauma responses**

5. Anticipated ongoing involvement: Weekly support visits to assist with referrals and support engagement with specialist services.