

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: No previous involvement noted.

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: Dr. Helen Smith

Referrer's Position: Health Centre Social Worker

Referrer's Email address: h.smith@balaclavahc.org.au

Referrer's Agency: Balaclava Community Health Centre

☒ Professional ☐ Self ☐ Family ☐ Other

Referrer identity protection required? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Family Details

Primary Carer Details: Carer 1

First Name: Chrissy

Surname: Alias

Relationship to children: Mother

Address: 245 Rural Road, Balaclava Outskirts

Date of Birth: [DOB]

Sex: ☐ M ☒ F

Phone: [contact details]

Best time to contact: During school/work hours only

Primary Carer Details: Carer 2

First Name: David

Surname: Alias

Relationship to children: Father

Address: Same as above

Sex: ☒ M ☐ F

Children/Young People

1. Name: Ben Alias

Sex: M

DOB/Age: 10 years

Relationship to primary carer: Son

Address: Same as above

Reside in Household? ☒ Y ☐ N

Housing

☒ Occupied ☐ Owned

Alerts

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

Violence towards workers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Weapons in the home? ☐ Not known

Pets (dogs) at the home? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Brief assessment of home environment: Initial assessment to occur in community location due to safety concerns. Rural property 20km from town.

Worker safety plan discussed with Team Leader? ☒ Yes ☐ No Recorded as follows: Initial contact in town only. No agency identifiers. Two workers recommended.

Safety Issues

History of family violence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Details: Ongoing family violence from father, particularly when intoxicated post football games. Police connections complicate reporting.

Is there an active Intervention Order? ☐ Yes ☒ No

When was the last incident? Recent but unreported Was anyone in the family injured? ☒ Yes ☐ No Have children witnessed the violence? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Drug and alcohol issues? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Details: Father's alcohol use, particularly after football games

Mental health issues?

Past or current thoughts to harm self or others? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Past attempts to commit suicide? [] Yes [X] No

Involvement with CATT/Mental Health Team? [] Yes [X] No

Details: Mother experiencing anxiety and depression but hesitant to engage with services due to father's police connections.

Are there any relevant legal issues?

[X] Yes [] No

Details: Mother has outstanding fines, unregistered vehicle, failure to appear in court

Community Partnerships, Resources and Networks

Has the family worked with Family Services in the past? [] Yes [X] No

Current involvement with services:

- **Local health centre (diabetes management for son)**
- **School**

Aim and purpose of referral

1. Presenting issues:

- **Ongoing family violence complicated by perpetrator's police connections**
- **Transport barriers (unregistered car, outstanding fines)**
- **Geographic isolation**
- **Child's Type 1 diabetes management needs**
- **Systems abuse through police connections**
- **Financial control**
- **Mother's fear of system involvement**

2. What is the family seeking from the service?

- **Safety planning within current constraints**
- **Support to maintain essential services (school, work, medical)**
- **Long-term planning for safe exit when child starts high school**
- **Support that doesn't involve police**
- **Financial/legal advice**

3. Identified strengths:

- **Mother's strong protective capacity**
 - **Strategic safety planning by mother**
 - **Child attending school regularly**
 - **Good diabetes management**
 - **Mother maintaining employment**
 - **Clear future planning**
 - **No substance use issues (mother)**
 - **Strong mother-child bond**
- 4. Issues not identified by family:**
- **Immediate safety risks**
 - **Impact of FV on child development**
 - **Legal rights regarding police accountability**
 - **Alternative transport options**
 - **Support services that bypass police contact**
- 5. Anticipated ongoing involvement: Careful, confidential support planning with focus on immediate safety needs while respecting mother's timeframes for change. Regular contact in safe, neutral locations.**