

“I want to return home...”

Ms B had disclosed to visiting professionals that she had been physically assaulted by her son on a number of occasions. Following the referral being received, a welfare check was immediately undertaken by the safeguarding social worker, who found the person on the floor, having fallen, awaiting for paramedics. The social worker was able to raise concerns with paramedics, who in turn agreed to take the person to hospital, giving time for an assessment to be completed. Assessments were undertaken in hospital whilst Ms B was recovering from an infection and arrangements were made for her to move into a residential setting on a short term basis whilst the next steps were agreed with relevant agencies. Police, residential home, domestic violence agency, social worker, district nurse and an independent advocate all worked together to respect Ms B's desire to return home to her son, despite the background to the referral. Arrangements were made between agencies to monitor the situation and support the decision. For example a Domestic Violence leaflet drop was undertaken by police in the local area to seek community support, a care package and call link pendant were commissioned by Social Services, the advocate offered emotional support and the district nurse continued to do ad hoc visits relating to health issues.