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FACULTY OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PgDip SPECIALIST COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING (HEALTH VISITING)

SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATION 2019/2020

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

MODULE NO: HLT 7085

Date: Monday 9 March 2020

Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

There are <u>TWO</u> questions.

Answer <u>ALL</u> questions.

There are a total of 100 marks available. Each question has a 50% weighting.

The pass mark is 50%.

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Exam Question Level 7

Learning outcomes to be met

- 1. Critically and systematically appraise key theories and approaches to the safeguarding of children, young people and families
- 2. Demonstrate an in-depth and critical understanding of categories, forms, indicators, signs and explanations of abuse.

Amy is a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old child on your caseload. Amy has a sibling named Jacob who is 7 years old. You are planning to see the family for an antenatal visit to assess the current situation as mum Heather is currently expecting her 3rd baby.

Amy and Jacob do not have contact with their dad Albert. Heather had met a new partner named Paul who is the father of her expectant child however Heather reports the relationship to have broken down and that he is not planning to be involved in the baby's life. Heather is unemployed and receives minimal financial support from Albert due to him being unemployed. The family live in a 2 bedroomed Local Authority house which is in walking distance to local amenities including; school, nursery and a budget supermarket.

At Amy's 2 ½ year development review it was identified that Amy's speech and language development was delayed. As a result of this Katie has been referred to the speech and language therapy and attended the initial appointment however she did not attend subsequent appointments therefore has since been discharged from the service. Katie attends a local nursery for 15 hours a week. The nursery staff have expressed concerns regarding Katie's delayed speech. Nursery have also expressed concerns that Amy has been wearing clothing inappropriate for the weather and occasionally arrives at nursery in a sodden nappy. When nursery staff have asked mum about this she reported that she needed to buy some more nappies as she did not have any more. Nursery have further expressed concern that when Amy is frustrated she scratches herself and bites her hand. When conducting this 2 ½ year review in the home environment you observed that there were no age appropriate toys available for Amy to play with.

Heather has a history and depression and anxiety and has previously been prescribed anti-depressant medication. During your last contact with Heather at Amy's 2 ½ year review, Heather discussed that she feels that her mood has deteriorated again recently following the breakdown in her relationship with Paul. During your discussion you encouraged Heather to see the GP to discuss this further and supported her in arranging a GP appointment. When following this up with the GP you were notified that Heather did not attend this appointment.

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Amy's older sibling Jacob is at school however school report Jacob to often be late. School report that Jacob has settled well at school and to making good progress however there is a concern that the frequent lateness will impact upon Jacob's learning. School have expressed further concerns regarding Jacob having recurrent head lice, you have prescribed treatment for this on 2 occasions and have discussed the appropriate use of the treatment with Heather.

- 1. What are the possible indicators and signs of child abuse/predictive factors of abuse that may be present?
- 2. Considering the unborn baby and focusing on one potential category of abuse critically appraise a key theory underpinning this category?

END OF QUESTIONS