

■ Discussions with keyworker.

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| 277 | 02/01/2018 10:00 | An Other | 1 | <p>Met with my keyworker A who told me that just before the Christmas break there had been a Court hearing about P and J, who are subject to interim care orders, when the Judge had directed there should be a short assessment of the contact between the children and their mother. This was because the mother is making an application to increase her contact from twice a week for 2 hours on each occasion to four times a week for 2 hours each time as part of her wish to get the children returned to her. The contacts will be at the family centre and observed by the supervisors who will report on it. A said social services had prepared a schedule of the assessment with dates and timings of what would be happening and I was given a form with a lot of questions which had to be completed after each contact. She gave me a copy which is attached. I was to comment on the children's behaviour and reaction after each contact. A explained that we would also be visited by the children's guardian and solicitor during the assessment and they would want to ask factual questions about the children and get my views. A asked about how the children are and I said they'd had a very settled time over the holiday and it had been much calmer and relaxed than the earlier weeks. I said I thought it was because the contact had not been happening and how</p> |

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| | | | | disruptive the doubling of contact is likely to be to P and J. A told me to keep an open mind about outcomes and give clear accounts of what happened. I asked if I might have to go to Court and she said she didn't know. -Impact 1 |

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| 278 | 12/01/2018 21:30 | An Other | 3 | It's been a very hectic week after my key worker's visit. There have been 3 contacts and both children's behaviour has deteriorated markedly. I'd taken great care over completing the forms though it's been difficult whilst everything has been going on. There were 2 visits from the social worker (one of which was unannounced) who seemed to be critical of me because of some of the comments I'd made on the forms. She said on a couple of occasions as she read the forms "that's a bit harsh" although it was my genuine opinion. She'd taken the forms away with her before I could take pictures of them. I'd asked for copies but she said it wasn't necessary for me to have them and she didn't really want me to have them. The guardian and solicitor visited and explained their roles. They listened to what I had to say and although they asked searching questions I didn't feel as though I was being criticised. The guardian seemed very surprised about what I was saying about the children's behaviour. She said the social worker had told her things were looking positive. They asked to see my completed forms and couldn't understand why I'd been told I couldn't have copies. It was suggested I speak with my agency key worker who could address my concerns directly with the social worker. They had only expected to visit once but have arranged another visit towards the end of the assessment to get my views. -Impact 3 |

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| 279 | 15/01/2018 10:00 | An Other | 3 | Met with my keyworker who wanted to hear what had been happening and we spoke about the children and how there had been a considerable deterioration in their presentation since the new year and all the contacts. A is going to speak to the SW and ask for copies of the forms I've completed. She's also going to speak with her own manager as I'm worried I'm going to get criticised and I might even end up having to go to Court. I'm worried the interests of the children are being undermined and that the SW has decided the children should go home and my reports are going to be ignored. -Impact 3 |

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| 280 | 19/01/2018 22:00 | An Other | 3 | It's been another terrible week. The children's behaviour remains |

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| | | | | very worrying. They're unsettled, anxious, and P has become very oppositional. J has wet the bed every night since the frequency of contacts has been increased. She wakes in the night crying out and has asked repeatedly whether "when" they go home their Mum's "nasty boyfriend" will be there. I've put all the information about the children's behaviour and what they're saying in the forms which the SW has collected. When she visited the SW didn't task me any questions or tell me what was happening. I haven't kept copies of the records as I've been told not to. A said she hadn't been able to resolve that problem as the SW was seeking "legal advice" about it. I'm feeling alienated and out of my depth. It seems like the children have been told they're going home and soon. -Impact 3 |

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| 281 | 22/01/2018 10:17 | An Other | 2 | Received a phone call from my keyworker saying that she was very worried she hadn't been able to speak with the SW since her call when she was told social services were getting legal advice. She'd left a couple of messages but there had been no return calls. The assessment will soon be ending and it won't be resolved. For the moment she's been told by her manager that I shouldn't keep copies of my records as I haven't got permission. She said to keep going as I am. A reminded me that it was the guardian's role to speak for the children in the Court hearing and the guardian had a solicitor to represent the children. She asked if the guardian was visiting me and I said on Thursday. We agreed I should tell the guardian what had been happening and let her know what I'm thinking. -Impact 2 |

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| 282 | 25/01/2018 15:30 | An Other | 0 | The guardian and solicitor for the children visited. They clearly knew a lot more this time than when we'd met previously. They seemed to be aware of what they described as "tension" between the SW and me. They had copies of all my completed forms and went through them with me very carefully. The guardian had been present at 3 of the supervised contacts and was able to link comments made by the mother on those occasions with the children's presentation when they returned back to me. The guardian didn't tell me what she was thinking but I did get a chance to say what I thought and I felt the guardian was experienced and knows what's she doing. I felt happier afterwards. The solicitor said she was surprised I still hadn't got copies of my forms but told me not to worry as I'd get to read them if I'd got to give evidence. She said that's highly unlikely though which is a relief. -Impact 0 |

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| 283 | 26/01/2018 22:00 | An Other | 2 | The assessment of contact ended today. I've completed the final forms and the SW came to get them. I asked about having copies and if I'd got permission and the SW said they'd send a bundle to me in the post. I asked if she knew what's likely to be happening |

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| | | | | and she said all the reports were being brought together and then she would make a statement with a recommendation. She said after that everyone else would write their statements and it would all go to the judge who would make the decision. I asked if I would see those documents and she said "definitely not". – Impact 2 |