

## Background

This family live in a three-bedroomed terraced house in a poor housing estate; the same housing estate as the Evans family. Claire does not work; Darren has no regular employment although there are worries that he supplements his income through low-level drug dealing. There are concerns about parental drug and alcohol misuse, and possible domestic abuse. There are also concerns about whether Michelle is also using drugs on a regular basis.

Money is tight. The family are connected to a small tight-knit group within the community, but not the wider community and, in particular, Claire's network has decreased since Darren Miller moved into the house.



### Claire Henderson

Claire is the mother of all five children, white and 30 years old. She is divorced from Michelle's father. Claire has some learning disabilities and struggles with her mental health. More recently, her use of drugs and alcohol has increased to levels causing concern.



### Darren Miller

Darren is Claire's partner and father of the three youngest children. Darren is white, 45 and was known to children's services from an early age. He regularly uses drugs and alcohol, and is sometimes involved in low-level dealing. Darren's temper is well-known within family and friends; neither Claire or the children have yet been hit, but have felt threatened at times.



### Michelle Henderson

Michelle is 16 years and pregnant. The whereabouts of her own father is unknown and the father of her unborn child is Jim. Jim is 30 and a friend of Darren's.

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### Troy Taylor

Troy is 12 years old and white. Troy is settled and doing well in school. He is sometimes in trouble at school for behaviour, but this is considered to be within the normal spectrum and is managed within the classroom. He is Michelle's half-brother and sees his father occasionally, but stays overnight some weekends with his paternal grandparents.



### Susan Miller

Susan is 6 years old. She has learning and mild physical disabilities.



### Ryan Miller

Ryan is 3 years old and unsettled. Staff at his local nursery have noticed that, when Ryan attends, he has limited ability to concentrate such as during group storytime or working one-to-one with staff completing jigsaws. Concerns are being raised about possible foetal alcohol syndrome.



### Kimberley Miller

Kimberley is the youngest and only 12 months. She is described by her parents as a "good baby" and undemanding compared with her siblings at this age.