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Case Conference Academy

Janine Wyn Davies

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What do these babies and children have in common?

- **Victoria Climbié**
- **Baby P**
- **Infant John Jones**
- **Unborn infant of Helen Evans**
- **Unborn infant of Jo Sweet**
- **Infant Delayno**
- **Infant Romario**

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They were all on the child protection register

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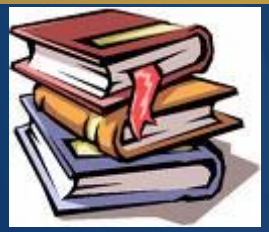
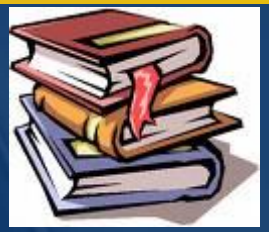
Case Conferences

- Rising numbers of cases
- Increasing need for multi-professional involvement
- Need to promote awareness of accountability



Student Issues



- I'm not on duty when there is a case conference
- I'm scared to attend
- My mentor was not available to attend
- I've never had the opportunity to attend
- What if I'm asked for my opinion
- Even when qualified I did not feel prepared

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Giving Birth to a Case Conference Academy

- **Student Midwives**
- **Student Health Visitors**
- **Student Social Workers**
- **Student Police Science Officers**
- **Student School Nurses**
- **Student Nurses**
- **And the Lecturers**

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The Case Conference

- Mother: Helen Lewis (26)
- Father: Paul Lewis (28)
- Children: Shania (5) Dylan (10months)
- Unborn Baby (28 weeks gestation)
- Social service involvement for 5 years
- Known domestic abuse
- Bruising to Helen & Shania.
- Human bite mark on Dylan's face

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What followed?

- Midwifery lecturer AKA Spielberg Janine Wyn Davies announced the auditions
- Each Script was discipline specific
- Profile
- Good and poor practice versions
- Rehearsal
- University Media Support

Poor Practice Examples

- No knowledge of conference formality
- No past history or report
- Poor communication with other agencies
- Non responsive midwifery care
- No regard to current midwifery evidence
- Anecdotal evidence
- Inappropriate behaviour
- Professionalism

Good Practice Examples

- Knowledge of conference proceedings
- Previous pregnancies investigated/reported
- Close liaison with other agencies
- Child protection specialist midwife
- Domestic violence protocol instigated
- Woman focused care responsive to Helen

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The Production

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Outcome

- DVD
- Workbook ~ professional specific
- Increased Multi-professional working
- Preceptorship period opportunities for use with NHS Trusts
- BSc Hons 10 Credit Module

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Evaluation

Excellent Learning Opportunity. I thought I was in a real case conference. It really has prepared me

I saw another side to a Police Officer. He was very sensitive

What a fantastic idea.
The mother Helen made me cry.

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