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Record of Strategy Discussion

Details of Child: Axel Rudakubana

Family Name	Rudakubana	Given Names	Axel
Actual DOB	07-Aug-2006	Gender	Male
Ethnicity	D2 - African	Primary Language	
Primary Address	10 Old School Close Banks Southport Lancashire PR9 8SB	Telephone (Mobile Phone)	DPA
		Mobile	DPA
		Case Number	DPA
Secondary Address		Current Address	

Record of Strategy Discussion Dates

Date Referral Received	12-Dec-2019
Strategy Discussion Planned Date	17-Dec-2019
Strategy Discussion Actual Date	17-Dec-2019
Meeting Type	Strategy Meeting
Minutes/Notes	

Meeting Details

Meeting Type	Strategy Discussion
Planned Meeting Date	17-Dec-2019
Actual Meeting Date	17-Dec-2019
Meeting Duration (in minutes)	60 mins
Meeting Location	The Zone, Skelmersdale
Is Disabled?	No
Is on a Disability Register?	No
No Disabilities Recorded	

Meeting Attendees

Attendee	Role	Consulted	Invited	Attended	Chair
Anna Jameson	Allocated Case Worker	☐ No	☒ Yes	☒ Yes	☐ No
DC Paula Murray	Detective Constable	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Skott Morgan	Other Professional	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Carmen Thompson	Police Early Action Team	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Ms Laura Davidson	Team Leader	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Mr David Cregeen	DSL	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Andrew Bramhall	Community Safety Sgt	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Ms Jan Lewis	Other Professional	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Ms KAREN WIGAN	Team Leader	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Ms Stephanie Hallaron	Mental Health Practitioner	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Matt Rowe	Practice Manager	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☒ Yes
Ms Joanne Hodson	Senior Teacher and SENCO	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Paul Harrison	Community Safety Officer	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No
Julie Hamill	Community Support Worker	☐ No	☐ No	☒ Yes	☐ No

Family Composition

Other Household Members

Relationship	Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Ethnicity	Language	CSSR	Referral	School	Start/End Date
Brother	Dion Rudakubana	☐ DPA 2004	Male				Started 12-Dec-2019		08-Oct-2019
Father	Alphonse Rudakubana	☐ DPA 1975	Male						15-Nov-2017
Mother	Laetitia Muzayire	☐ DPA 1972	Female						15-Nov-2017

Non-Household Significant Family Members & Other Related Persons

There are no Relationships defined for this child.

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Reason for Strategy Discussion	Meeting held on the 16-12-19 LEVEL OF NEED 4 - Axel has attended school with weapons with the intent to attack another pupil. Arrested for Sec 47 assault and possession of a bladed article and bailed with conditions to attend St Anne Street Custody on 12/12/2019. Bail Conditions: NOT TO APPROACH OR COMMUNICATE ☐ DPA ☐ DPA OR ☐ DPA ☐ DPA BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING VIA SELF-SERVANT OR AGENT OR BY ANY SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM. NOT TO BE WITHIN 400 METERS OF RANGE HIGH SCHOOL, FORMBY, L37 2NY
Alleged Abuse Category	Physical Abuse Emotional Abuse
Details of Strategy Discussion	Meeting held on the 16-12-19 Matt opened the meeting and explained the referral then invited professional updates regarding their information. Paula Murphy, investigating officer advised that Axel has been arrested and bailed with conditions not to contact the victims by any means not to go within 400m of range high school and not to go into Acorns until agreed by multi agency meeting. Axel provided a prepared statement which stated he had no intention to use the knife. He mentioned being bullied within this statement. He was then interviewed and gave a no comment interview apart from responding to the suggestion he had researched violent acts on the internet which he denied. There were some concerns within the interview where he would laugh at inappropriate times and there was not really any challenge from his mother who was present as appropriate adult. The house has been searched and all electronic devices seized and sent for analysis this could take up to 3 months. In the interim the bail conditions remain and the case is with CPS. Police have also visited supposed target ☐ DPA ☐ DPA who has advised that he knows of Axel but has never had any issues with him. There was comment from ☐ DPA ☐ DPA sister that Axel had contacted her the day before and called her a retard via Instagram.

Update from Steph Halloran who interviewed Axel whilst in custody to assess his wellbeing and mental health. She advised that Axel disclosed to her that he'd been assaulted by [redacted] DPA [redacted] he said as a result he'd intended to kill him and would have done so if he'd found him. She advised he showed no remorse.

In terms of police dealings with mum and dad mother has generally been very quiet. dad was dismissive when police contacted him to say that Axel needed a parent with him and stated he couldn't get there as he was busy.

Matt queried if a referral had been made for [redacted] DPA [redacted] who was the actual victim of this attack with the hockey stick. Paula believes so but will check up. Matt also advised to make referral for [redacted] DPA [redacted] so this was logged. Both children reside in Merseyside.

Update from Range High School

Axel started there in yr. 7 and was initially a very quiet child with no issues being raised. Towards the end of year 8 and this year there has been an escalation in his behaviours he's been challenging and inappropriate in some things he's said to teachers and children alike and when challenged doesn't accept any responsibility. Will basically argue even in the face of evidence to the contrary.

They have had minimal contact with the parents however no major concerns raised dad had raised the issue about Max however there was no evidence of this having taken place.

Regarding Dion, David advised that he [redacted] DPA [redacted] and uses a wheelchair in school but is doing well academically and engages in extra curricular activities.

The main previous issue in range was from 5/10/19 when Axel had disclosed to Childline that he'd been taking a knife to school and that this had happened on 10 occasions. This was dealt with by Lancs police and referred onto social care and ultimately early help initiated support for the family.

Update from [redacted] I&S [redacted] who was unable to attend is that he is [redacted] DPA [redacted] and due to be seen again in the new year. Dad has expressed concerns to school about whether Axel has SEN. school aren't aware of any issues between Axel and Dion or there having been any incidents between them.

Steph commented she believes that Axel probably does have ASD. He is due to be assessed next year however the waiting lists for this are significant. During the assessment with her he also mentioned the war in Rwanda and reference to a family member having been injured/ killed during this. He presented as having no rational responses. Axel advised he has researched ASD and ADD on line and believes he has ADD. He has also been referred to Sefton Camhs and is due to be seen in the next week by Scott there. He will also be referred to forensic CAMHs who specialise in assessing risk.

Information from acorns where Axel has been attending since 17th October. He had his admission meeting then and began in class after the half term on 4th November. Again initially he was very quiet this has then escalated and he's begun to display strange behaviours creating issues with other children and occasionally fixating on staff members. there have also been issues within acorns where he's used the school computers to "research" school shootings etc. he has disclosed that in his opinion he's been bullied however this has not been evidenced when school have looked into this. Since starting he's been checked prior to entering school and particular lessons to metal detect him to ensure there's no risk to other pupils.

The one main positive experience for Axel during his time at acorns has been when they did a trip to Chester zoo this was for around 4 hours and during this time he was happy and engaging well with other young people.

Update from early help regarding their involvement. referred to them following the incident in October and they had difficulties contacting the family and eventually when they did the majority of fathers concern was to support him in getting Axel back into education. He did advise that they have a significant amount of support from "parenting 2000" in Southport who've advised they are supporting Axel with counselling on a 2 weekly basis. dad is also due to engage with a parenting course and work on building resilience in families and its reported the family have funded some of this counselling themselves.

Anna and Julie provided an update from their visit yesterday. the family engaged with the visit however it appeared that Axel was quite a force in the household, appearing to dominate discussion and at times shout down his parents who did not appear keen to challenge his opinions. This will require further exploration and visits to speak to parents separate from Axel and also speak to Dion by himself. contrary to his interview and discussion with Steph Axel told Anna and Julie that he had taken the knife to school for protection. Again in their opinion he presented with traits of ASD to a high level. Parents did say that they do struggle at times with boundaries. Overall it appears that Axel's parents potentially don't understand his additional needs and how to best parent him. There were no concerns regarding neglect or any sense that parents posed a risk to Axel and there have been no reports of risk from Axel to Dion.

Carmen Thompson from Prevent identified that she will be completing an assessment regarding Axel and considering if a referral to channel programme would be appropriate for him.

Concerns summarised and discussion held regarding risk of significant harm. It was agreed that there is a risk of re-offending from Axel however at this point based on the interactions so far there is no evidence that the children are presently at risk of significant harm. There are positives to consider regarding the parents engagement so far and willingness to work with the LA in these early stages as well as their reported attempts to gain support for Axel through parenting 2000.

It was acknowledged that there is a possibility that through the highlighted actions and assessments risks may escalate but at this time tot he plan is to proceed with assessment work and reconvene when we have more professional knowledge of the family.

Suggested Outcomes	☐ Start Section 47 Enquiries (starts Core/C&F Assessment if not active) ☐ Start C & F Assessment ☐ Disciplinary Procedure ☒ Police Investigation	☒ Arrange follow-up strategy discussion ☐ Referral to Other Agency ☐ No Further Action
Reasons for these Suggested Outcomes	Further follow up strategy meeting required following further assessments carried out by agencies. Follow up strategy meeting is arranged for 06/01/19 at 10am. Agreed actions: ● CSC to continue their assessment including seeing Dion and parents by themselves. ● Prevent team to commence initial assessment ● Skott Morgan to complete to initial CAMHS appointment ● I&S ● Axel not to return to school at this time, work requested to be sent home from Acorns. ● Update to be sought from Parenting 2000 ● Follow up strategy meeting to be held 6th jan following the updates being gained from the above enquires.	
Reason(s) for decision(s) / management oversight of agreed outcome.		
This case will progress to Child Protection Conference		
Further Actions		
Medical examination required:		
If yes, when will this take place:		
Name of medical examiner:		
Achieving Best Evidence Interview required:		
If yes, when will this take place:		
Name(s) and agency of interviewer:		
Has a Child Interview Plan record been completed?		
If no, when will this be completed		
Name and agency of person responsible for Plan		
Initiate emergency legal action?		
If yes, when will this be initiated:		
Is a further strategy discussion planned?		
If yes, when will this be initiated:		
Further Actions	Further actions - actions to be taken	Date for Completion Person/agency responsible
Signatures		
Name of Social Worker completing assessment	Anna Jameson	
Signature:		
Name of Manager	Matt Rowe	
Signature:		
Attachments (0)		
There are no attached documents		