



06 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults procedures

06.6 Impaired capacity of a parent/carer

Incapacitated refers to a condition which renders a parent/carer unable to take responsibility for their child; this could be at the time of collecting their child from the setting or on arrival. Concerns may include:

- appearing drunk
- appearing under the influence of drugs
- demonstrating angry and threatening behaviour to the child, members of staff or others
- appearing erratic or manic

Informing

- If a member of staff at Cricklade Preschool Playgroup is concerned that a parent/carer display any of the above characteristics, they inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.
- The designated safeguarding lead assesses the risk and decides if further intervention is required.
- If it is decided that no further action is required, a record of the incident is made on a Safeguarding incident reporting form.
- If intervention is required, the designated safeguarding lead speaks to the parent/carer in an appropriate, confidential manner.
- The designated safeguarding lead will, in agreement with the parent/carer, use emergency contacts listed for the child to ask an alternative adult to collect the child.
- The emergency contact is informed of the situation by the designated safeguarding lead and of the setting's requirement to inform social care of their contact details.
- The manager/trustees/ are informed of the situation as soon as possible and provide advice and assistance as appropriate.
- If there is no one suitable to collect the child, social care are informed.
- If violence is threatened towards anybody, the police are called immediately.
- If the parent/carer takes the child from Cricklade Preschool Playgroup while incapacitated the police are called immediately and a referral is made to social care.



Recording

- The designated safeguarding lead completes a Safeguarding incident reporting form and if social care were contacted a Confidential safeguarding incident report form is completed. If police were contacted a Confidential safeguarding incident report form should also be copied to the manager and trustees
- Further updates/notes/conversations/ telephone calls are recorded.
- Staff are offered appropriate support and advice regarding their wellbeing.

Agreed by the committee of Cricklade Pre-School Playgroup