

United Kingdom Association for
UKASFP
Solution Focused Practice

Social Work and Baby P

As an organisation we support many people using solution focused approaches - a well documented approach that has had great success world wide.

Occasionally there is media attention when things go wrong - as has happened recently with Baby P here in the UK, where a child has died in spite of being known to Social Services.

On this occasion many things went wrong leading to tragic circumstances, with we believe no one factor responsible. To adopt the belief that any one factor could be responsible in a complex situation like this would be to over simplify and disrespect those who work with children at risk.

For social work it is crucial to have adequate staffing and in depth supervision. This is particularly true where new methods or ideas are used - you have to go on using your fundamental training to ensure that the child remains the central focus of work no matter what additional methods are used.

As an organisation we welcome a professional approach that scrutinises work done and that helps a child get the best support possible. We believe that approaches like "Signs of Safety" used appropriately offer an excellent way of safeguarding children. Used inappropriately safeguarding suffers.

We wish to support any social worker who may find themselves in this kind of work environment. Our organisation has a number of well established, senior social workers who will be able to advise you on how to apply solution focused approaches appropriately to achieve the best kind of safeguarding practices.

Please contact us through this website to find out how we can support you in the work that you do.