



**Archie**

## **CASE SCENARIO - ARCHIE**

### **Notification criteria**

Fatal stabbing (child death).

### **Age**

15 years

### **Theme**

Missing, gang culture, youth justice, child protection plan, home education.

### **Case Scenario**

Archie arrived in the UK aged 11, initially living with his adult sister and three older siblings. He was enrolled into a local school but not the same school as his siblings as there were no places available in his year group.

Six months later, his sister died in a house fire which had a traumatic impact on Archie and his behaviour and attendance at school began to deteriorate. His mother became frustrated with agencies and began to reluctantly elect to 'home educate' her son while awaiting a choice of a new school.

Archie was detained, along with a male of a similar age, at a department store, and both boys admitted to the offence of shoplifting. Restorative justice was applied which included a condition to engage with the Community Youth Team. In the following months, there was a rapid and significant increase in the level of offending involving Archie. The offences were serious and involved use of violence and carrying knives, and he was frequently reported as missing and had become

involved in gang culture.

An Initial Child Protection Conference (ICPC) was convened and Archie was made subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP) under the category of physical abuse and he was subject to a Child Protection Plan at the time of his death. He was taken by ambulance to the Hospital Emergency Department with two stab wounds to his chest and sadly died as a result of his injuries.

His mother believed that it was inevitable that Archie began to hang around on the streets and go missing when he was removed from school, which also impacted on him playing for a local football team. She gave up work as she could not leave him at home all day when not in school, and she was also suffering poor physical and mental health. On several occasions she went out searching for her son and found him with older boys or young men, and he would usher her away to try and protect her.