

**Blaenau Gwent Children and Communities Grant - Legacy Fund**

**Early Intervention Family Support Case Study**

**Date: 15-10-20**

**Who Was the Lead Programme?**

Dad's Support Worker - SL

**Family Composition:**

Dad

Mum

Children

**Referral Source:**

Flying Start Health Family Support Worker

**Description of support provided: (How Much?)**

A referral was submitted to Social Services department due to Dad being aggressive towards Mum. Mum left the family home for a few weeks with the two children and resided with her mother for a short time. Since moving back to the family home the arguments have reduced greatly and Dad has been dealing with his low mood and potential anger outbursts by going for long walks. During last home visit Dad reported he that he would like to make the changes needed and would be interested in working outdoors with pest control and that he would also like to learn to drive.

Mum has epilepsy and cannot be left alone. Mum stated that she feels her and Dad's relationship would improve if he could find employment.

Dad was referred to the Dads Support Worker project for support. A joint meeting was arranged at the Flying Start hub with Dad, the Dads Support Worker and Family Support Worker. Concerns had also been previously raised by professionals about Dads negative attitude and behaviour towards women. During the meeting Dad was very engaged and had a very positive attitude from the start. He was keen to engage with myself and the Family Support Worker in regards to the support being offered. The Family Support Worker commented after the meeting how having a male presence during the meeting made it a positive experience for all and that it had a positive impact on Dads behaviour and attitude in comparison to previous meetings. Dad stated he was happy to work with myself and further conversations have since taking place via telephone and text, all have been very positive and we are now

working together to look at training providers and employment opportunities in regards to him trying to secure employment.

**Other Agencies Involved:**

Health Visitor

Social Worker

**Any Problems or Challenges?**

Mum has epilepsy and cannot be left alone

Dad does not have a driving licence

Dad is waiting to be assessed for bipolar disorder

Finding local Training providers re Pest Control

**Outcome of Family Support Worker Intervention:**

Dad is fully engaged with services and receiving ongoing support

Referral to Communities for work who are supporting Dad into employment

**Quote from Dad:** "So far so good mate"

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**Pictures/Video Links:** N/A