

STAR's Chronology

The following timeline outlines key moments in Star's life.

May 2019 Star Hobson born

Sept 2019 Star's parents separate

Oct 2019 Frankie Smith meets Savannah Brockhill

Jan 2020 Concerns of domestic abuse and bruising

Following concerns by a family friend, a social worker visited Star. The assessment was completed which included 3 visits. There were no obvious concerns noted or observed during the visits and the decision was made that the main issue was housing for Frankie and Star.

Feb 2020 Star lives with maternal family

Savannah and Frankie's relationship breaks down and Star moves in with her maternal great-grandmother. Star begins to thrive.

April 2020 Star removed from maternal family

Frankie removes Star from the care of her maternal great-grandmother without warning.

May 2020 Referral to Children's Social Care

Star's maternal great-grandmother made a referral to Children's Social Care in Bradford. The next day a social work team made an unannounced visit to Savannah's household and were content that Star was safe and well. It was concluded that the referral was malicious.

June 2020 Father submits photos of bruising

Star's father submits more photos of Star to the MASH with concerns over Star's treatment by Savannah. Child Protection Medical is arranged after Police talk with family. CP medical finds no points of concern and concludes that the bruising to Star was most likely to be accidental and consistent with Frankie's explanation

July 2020 Assessment closed down

After the medical report is received, the single-agency child and family assessment is closed down.

27th Aug Video of Star with bruises emerges

A video of Star with bruises on her face is exchanged between family members and some close adults on social media. The video is sent to the police. Police attempt a visit but Frankie and Savannah report that they are in Scotland with Star.

2nd Sept Maternal family contact the Integrated Front Door

Star's maternal great grandfather contacted the Integrated Front Door (IFD) stating he had a video of bruising to Star. He was asked to send it by email but was unable to do so. A social worker contacted Frankie. Frankie said that she had already contacted her previous social worker to say that Star had bruised herself falling downstairs. There is no record of such a contact. As a result, a home visit was deferred until 4th September.

3rd Sept GP contacts Savannah and Frankie

GPs contact family and advise Star be taken to be seen. This is never followed through by Frankie and Savannah.

4th Sept Children's Social Care visit Star

No further action is taken.

15th Sept Star's case is closed

The case was closed to Children's Social Care on the basis that concerns had been unsubstantiated and the referral was malicious in intent.

22nd Sept Star dies

There was no further contact with professionals between 5th and 22nd September, when Star passed away after sustaining multiple injuries inflicted by Savannah