

# Arthur's chronology

The following timeline sets out the key events in Arthur's life until March 2020.

Jan 2014 Arthur Labinjo-Hughes born

Nov 2015 Arthur's parents separate

## **June 2018 Domestic abuse between Arthur's mother and new partner**

A domestic abuse incident (when Arthur was not present) prompted a Children in Need assessment by Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT) that concluded with no further action.

## **Feb 2019 Arthur's mother arrested**

Olivia Labinjo-Halcrow arrested for Domestic Murder of Gary Cunningham. Arthur moves in full time with Thomas Hughes. A further Children in Need assessment by Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT) concluded with no further action. Arthur's father was assessed to be a 'protective factor' for him.

## **Oct 2019 Contact with maternal family stopped**

Arthur's father stopped the contact between Arthur and his mother, his maternal grandmother and the maternal extended family. Around this time, autumn 2019, Thomas Hughes had begun a relationship with Emma Tustin.

## **Dec 2019 Mother attempts to re-establish contact**

Arthur's mother initiated the process to establish contact arrangements with Arthur again through a Child Arrangement Order. CAFCASS therefore became involved with Arthur as part of this process.

## **Jan 2020 Arthur referred to mental health services**

Escalating concerns about Arthur's behaviour and emotional well-being in the autumn of 2019 were noted by his father at home and by staff in school. These concerns led to a referral to SOLAR (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) from his GP.

## **March 2020 Arthur assessed by SOLAR and CAFCASS**

Arthur was assessed by SOLAR for specialist support but was not offered a service. On the same day, Arthur was seen by a CAFCASS officer in the course of the completion of a Section 7 report for the Family Court.

***Lockdown is established in the UK and Arthur moves with Thomas Hughes from his paternal grandparent's home into the home of Emma Tustin. The following timeline sets out episodes after Arthur and Thomas move to live with Emma Tustin in March 2020.***

#### **14th April Arthur moved to grandparents' house**

Thomas and Emma get into a dispute. Thomas removes Arthur and himself back to his parents' house. Emma's suicidal text met with hostile reply.

#### **15th April Arthur seen safe and well**

Thomas filed a missing persons report in regard to Emma. Police visit Thomas' house and found Arthur to be safe and well. Emma was found that day and assisted by the Street Triage team.

#### **16th April Grandparents raise concerns about bruising**

Emma and Thomas reconcile their differences. Thomas returns to Emma's home with Arthur. Paternal grandparents voice growing concerns about bruising with Solihull Emergency Duty Team (EDT). EDT call police that evening relaying grandparents concerns. Police deny request for a 'Safe and Well' visit based on their observation of Arthur the previous day.

#### **17th April Social work team check on Arthur**

Following paternal grandparent's concern, the MASH send social workers to check on Arthur. Social workers report that Arthur and Emma's son are willing to show bruises –no safeguarding concerns were identified. An offer of 'Life Story' work is made.

#### **18th April Police receive photos of bruising**

Photographs of bruising are sent to the police by Arthur's uncle. They are received by the police but never sent onto the MASH.

#### **24th April MASH receive photos of bruising**

Family members continue to express their concerns to Children's Social Care, the police, and Arthur's school. The photos of bruising are passed onto the MASH by maternal grandmother on April 24th.

#### **End of April No further investigation**

It was decided that no further investigation was needed in relation to the family's concerns about bruising. It was hoped that the family would consent to an offer of 'life story' work with Arthur, which would be an opportunity to monitor and escalate any safeguarding concerns. At the end of April, Arthur's father declined the offer of 'life story' work.

#### **16th June Emergency services called**

Emergency Services called as Arthur is suffering Cardiac Arrest after sustaining a severe head injury. He dies the next day.