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CHCPRT003 – Work collaboratively to maintain an environment safe for children and young people

You are an educator at Little Owl's Child Care Centre. Recently a family arrived from Kenya and enrolled Abasi (4 months) and his older sister, Adla (5 years). You immediately notice that Adla seems quite underweight and very reserved, whilst Abasi is a happy and slightly overweight little baby boy.

At the enrolment, Samuel (the father) informed you that Abasi is still breastfeeding and also eating solids, and he eats well, but that Adla is "very bad" when eating food and "likes to waste". He further advises you that they have her on a dairy-rich diet to help to build up her body. He tells you that sadly, he has to punish Adla for wasting food and to get her to eat, but he does not explain himself further. Winnie (the mother) is a stay-at-home Mum as she currently understands, but does not speak much English. They live close by, on the same street as the centre. Samuel says that Adla and Abasi need to attend the centre as he wants them to learn more English quickly.

Samuel drops the children off the next day, and has to leave quickly as he is "very late for work". With the two crying children looking on, he rushes out the door. Later at snacktime, Adla reluctantly eats her yoghurt, watching you very carefully. Later she vomits up her food and has a case of diarrhoea. As you assist her in the bathroom, you notice long thin bruise lines on the top of her thighs. You ask her what happened and she responds "Daddy says I must not waste my food".

When you check on Abasi later that day, you see that he has settled into the baby group very well, and is cooing at the educators as they interact with him. He has had his bottles of breast milk that were supplied by Winnie, but was reluctant to eat any of the baby cereal she supplied.

ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

1. In the scenario, who should we be advocating for, under our "Duty of Care" requirements? (1 sentence) 1 mark

   the children especially Edla

2. What should concern us about the children? Mention two issues with each child. (4 sentences) 4 marks

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3. What is the role/responsibility of a "key agency"? (100 words) 5 marks

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