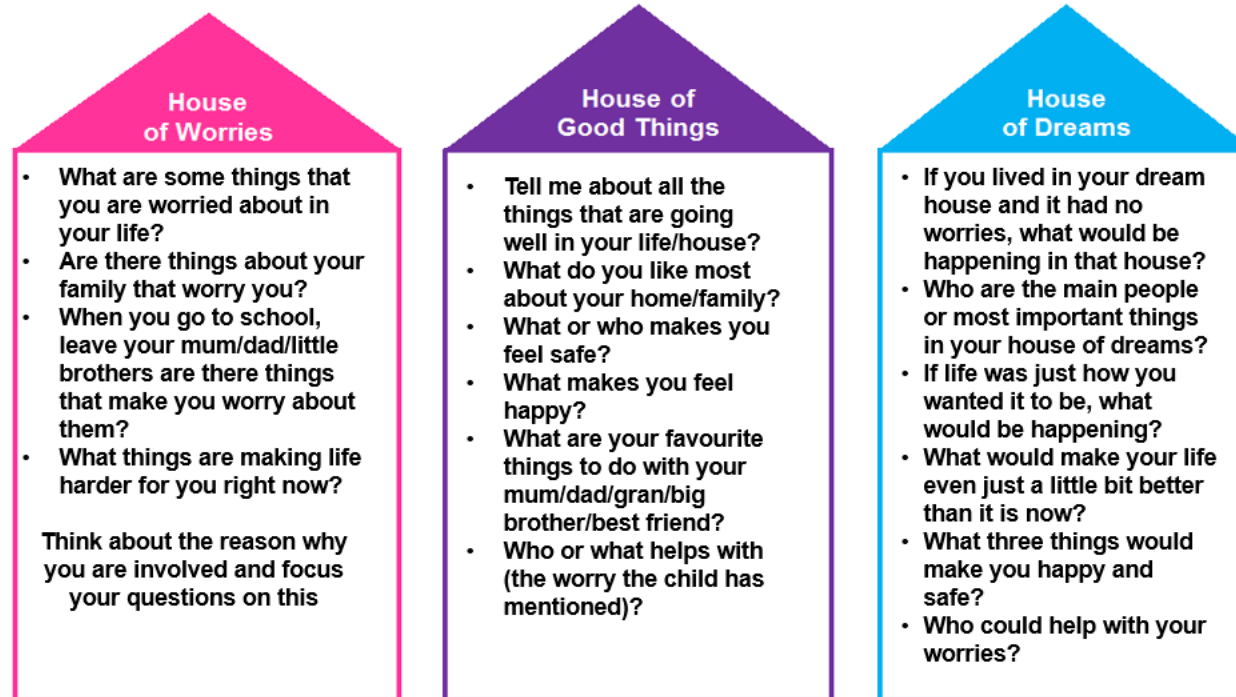


Three Houses Guidance

- The Three Houses is a tool from Signs of Safety to help practitioners understand what is happening in the child's life, from their point of view
- The tool explores things that the child is worried about (House of worries), things that the child thinks already helps with the worries (House of good things) and what the child thinks *could* help with the worries (House of Dreams)
- Start where the child wants to.
- The child might want to start talking about worries straight away, or they might prefer to talk about the good things. A conversation about dreams might tell you about what the child is worried about, e.g. 'I want mammy and daddy to stop shouting at each other'
- The child can draw the three houses rather than using a template
- Ask questions to help the child tell you more about their worries, the good things and their dreams
- **This guidance can also be used for the Wizards and Fairies Tools, which are aimed at younger children**

Example questions Three Houses tool



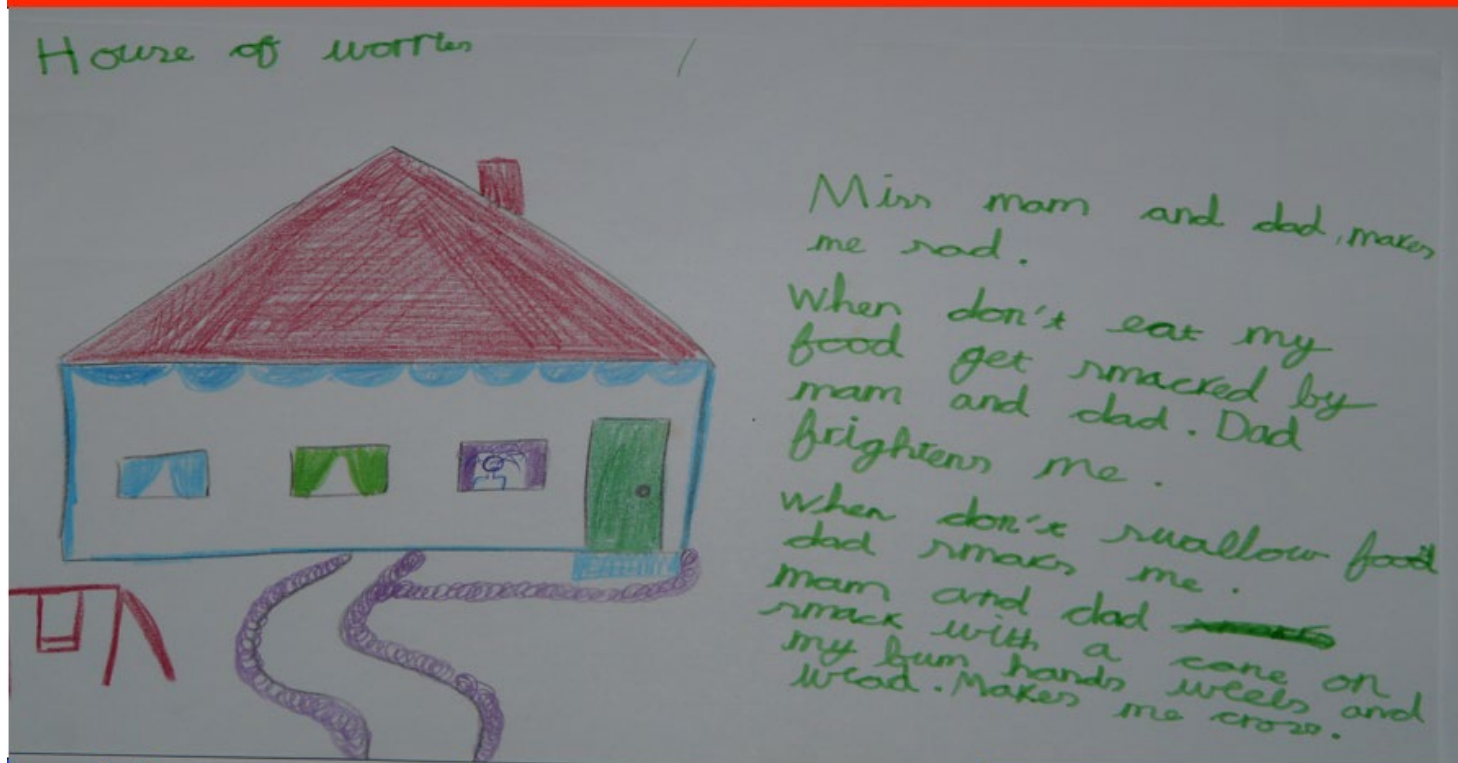
Example Three Houses – House of Good Things

Poppy's House of Good Things



Example Three Houses – House of Worries

Poppy's House of Worries



Example Three Houses – House of Dreams

Poppy's House of Dreams

House of dreams

Wishes for christmas
and presents + trees.

wish to be with mam and
dad.

Wish for mam and
dad to hug me.

Wish for mam and
dad to stop smoking
me would like them
to be asked to stop
smoking me.

