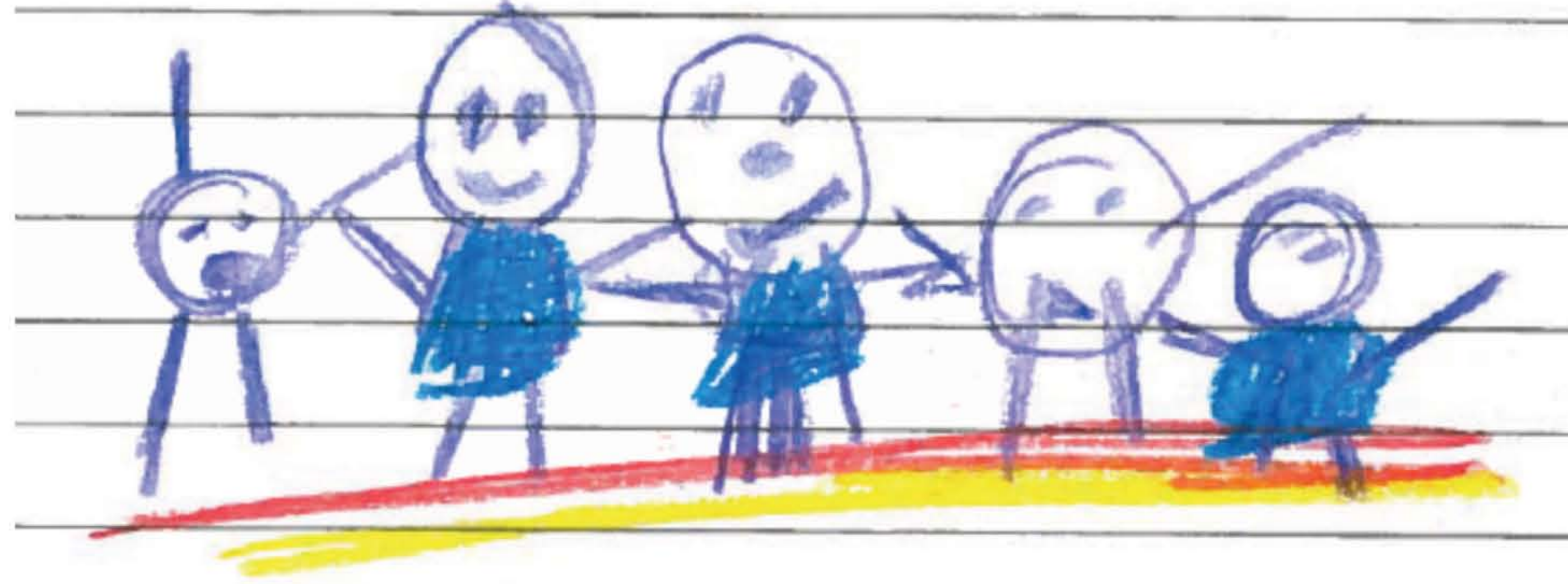


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Research into the role of the wider family with children on Edinburgh's Child Protection Register



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“there are risks involved... but it's right that we always look to family”

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What we did

- Interviews with social workers
- Focus groups
- Literature review

Why we did it

- To gain a better understanding of the impact of wider family's involvement in the child protection process
- To share information about current practice
- To help inform social workers when carrying out their work in child protection

What we learned

- Social workers understand wider family to be any one who is considered to be family by the parents of the child or the child
- Overall social workers perceive that the involvement of wider family with children on the child protection register is of benefit
- Social workers were more likely to make greater effort to involve wider family when it was likely that a child would need to be accommodated.
- Involvement of wider family was complex and time consuming for the worker
- Discussions need to be held with management to introduce greater clarity about involvement of family members