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Research / dissertation project	
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Subject / title of the project A Missed Opportunity: Unresolved parental trauma, the impact on children and the role of the social worker.	
Scientific importance N/A.	
Practical relevance Implications for social workers assessing risk of significant harm and parental capacity to change as well as for intervention planning aimed at facilitating lasting change.	
Main thesis See above.	
Research methodology Literature review.	
Key words Unresolved trauma, attachment, parenting capacity, safeguarding, outcomes.	
Most relevant literature Attachment (Crittenden, 1996,1997) and neurobiological literature (Schore, 2001,2003; Perry,2006)) on impact of trauma	
Key finding (if already existing) Trauma informed social care services, focusing on both children's and parents unmet trauma needs are required to effectively safeguard and promote children's wellbeing, avoid family breakdown, and secure positive and lasting outcomes for families.	