

# research in practice

## *About Muhammed and Maryam*

### *Muhammed and Maryam's story*

Muhammed and Maryam Hossain live on the edge of a large city. Muhammed's parents came to the UK from Bangladesh in the 70s and he was born here. He married Maryam from Bangladesh 25 years ago and she came to live in the UK then. They have one child Layla who is 17 year's old. Layla was born with Spina Bifida. She uses a walking aid and has an electric wheelchair. Layla has been attending a residential college where she has made good friends. She hopes to keep studying and to move in with friends.

Muhammed and Maryam want to support Layla and also to ensure that she is safe and her religion (Islam) is respected.

Muhammed and Maryam are conscious that people they know through the college had a difficult experience when their children turned 18. They want to ensure that Layla has the right support and opportunities, and to start planning for that now. They don't have any savings themselves. Muhammed's job is not well paid and they don't have a house of their own. Recent increases in bills have made it difficult for them to manage when Layla comes home as the house needs to be warmer and they use more electricity.

Muhammed rang the council and asked to speak to a social worker.

You are the social worker and go out to visit them with an interpreter as Maryam finds complex topics in English difficult.

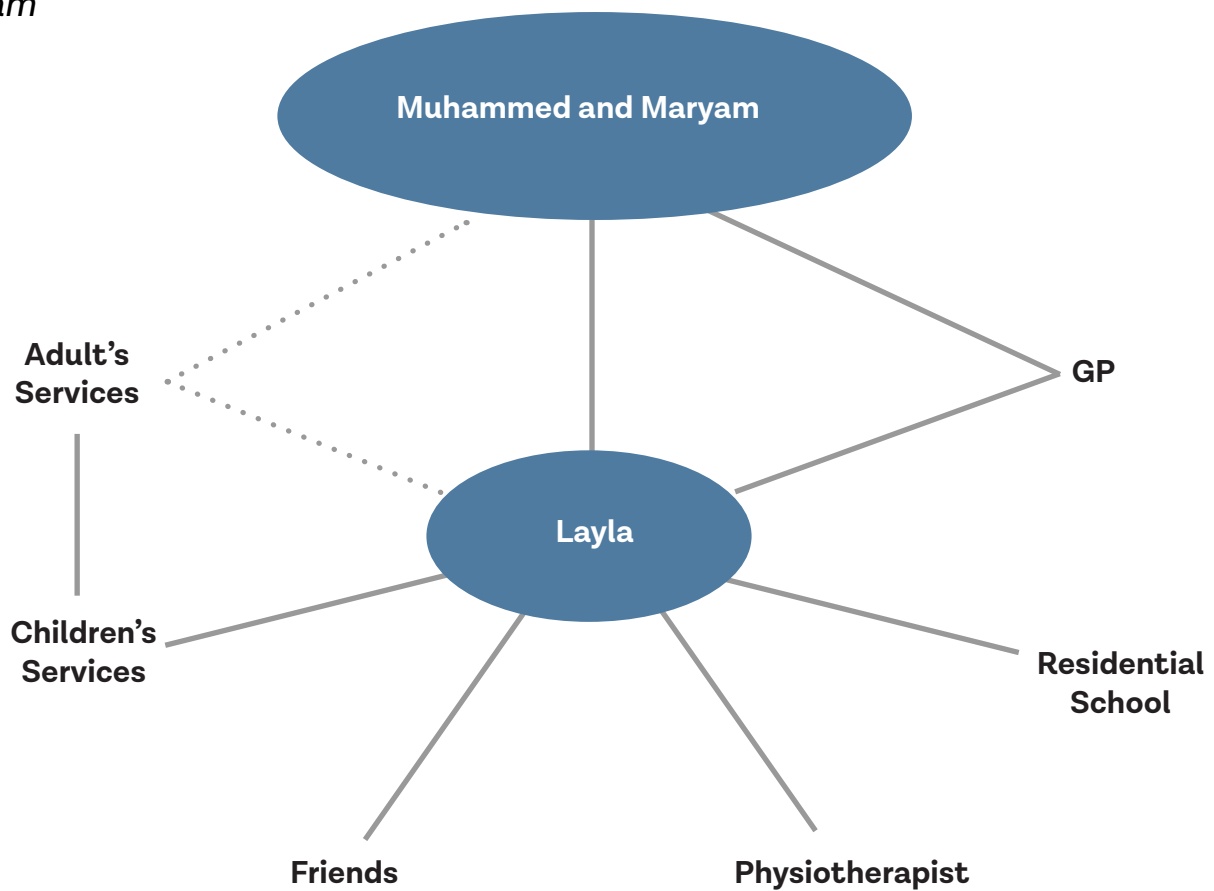
### *One-page profile - Muhammed*

What others like and admire about me	What is important to me
I support my wife and daughter I work hard I completed the Hajj	To look after my family To fulfil my responsibility to my daughter
How best to support me	
Let me know what is possible and not possible Do not say something will happen if it is not going to happen Show respect for our beliefs	

### *One-page profile - Maryam*

What others like and admire about me	What is important to me
I want what is best for my child I have made a life in the UK	To be a support to my husband For Layla to have a good life For Layla to keep her connection to the Bangladeshi community
How best to support me	
Remember I am a mother not just a carer Please explain things carefully as English is not my first language	

## Ecogram



### Questions

How does the *Care Act 2014*'s duties around transition help you to empower this family?

How can you ensure that both carers are fully involved and their needs are considered?

What is the social work role in promoting economic wellbeing?