

How do you deal with allegations made by children if (1) there is no supporting evidence or (2) the allegation is not repeated (made previously to a teacher or foster carer)

- **No supporting evidence?**

- There is always evidence.

- **Allegations not repeated?**

- Achieving Best Evidence (ABE) - The importance of complying with ABE guidance
 - **Re JB (A Child) [2021] EWCA Civ 46**

Questions:

1. Should the child give evidence?

- **Re W [2015] EWCA Civ 1300**

2. In what circumstances might you advise trying to re- ABE interview a child, if ever?

3. If a child makes an allegation which is something of concern but not potentially criminal, or low-level, can you still get the police to do an ABE interview? And if they won't, can you get someone else to do an ABE interview?

4. If you only have one allegation made to one person, if you are acting for a parent would you ever seek to call a teacher or the foster carer, or is that best avoided?

5. As an advocate what are the ways in which you might seek to undermine any allegation made by a child, without necessarily inquiring the child to give evidence?