

Integrated Working Newsletter

March 2017

What do children, young people and families say about integrated processes?

In August 2016, we conducted the third survey of children and young people and their parents/carers who had undertaken the common assessment framework process.

Key findings are below:

- **Vastly improving situation from previous years with over 80% of families now able to name their Lead Professional.**
- **A positive picture emerging as to how involved people feel in the process to a reasonable or full extent.**

'Lots of support around managing my children's behaviour and feelings. Support on explaining to children about their father being in prison and contact with him when released. Support for myself having left a DV relationship. Support to keep us safe.'

Would you like a refresher on when a CAF might be appropriate and when it would be more appropriate to consider a 'Request for Service' from social care?

New bespoke workshops are being offered for your service or school, facilitated by a member of the Integrated Working Team and by the Interface Social Worker, Marie Porter.

Marie offers 2 hour workshops on how and when to use the Request for Service procedure and also some excellent guidance to the use of the safeguarding thresholds document, with which all professionals should be familiar.

Either Lyn or Kevin will also be on hand if requested to further discuss and clarify how the flow between these two processes work in practise.

Please contact the team to with your requirements.

The Integrated Working Team has had a change in staffing. Alex Hobbs is currently taken on a secondment as a social care manager. She has been an asset to the team and will be missed.

Please welcome Sean Turner who is now the current Integrated Working Administrator. Please forward all queries, common assessments and review paperwork to the following details below:

Email: sean_turner@bathnes.gov.uk

Postal Address: Lewis House,
Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

Globalscape: if applicable

Help us to help you



Please remember to log all common assessment that you complete with us. The benefits to you are:

- ✓ A bespoke response from the team who may suggest further support or agencies who may be of help to the child.
- ✓ Recognition for your services or school in initiating the assessment.
- ✓ The CAF can follow the child at transition points such as starting school or transition to secondary school.



Did you know ...?

There is a guide to Team Around the Child meetings and the role of the Lead Professional which can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk/earlyhelp

We recently sent out a Survey Monkey in January 2017 regarding feedback on the team. Thank you to all who responded. We have noted the following:

What we do well: providing knowledge and support to your service (responsive and there when needed)

Always a pleasure to talk to the team. Very helpful, polite, friendly, supportive, knowledgeable and professional'

What we need to improve: managing to catch you in your busy working days!

Reviews

We have recently been receiving reviews before a common assessment. We are unable to log the Team around the Child Meetings without a common assessment. Please ensure to send the CAF before the reviews.

Please remember we require a signature in order to share and log the Common Assessment with other services. If we receive a Common Assessment without a signature we will not log on our records until received consent.

Forthcoming Training April 2017- September 2018

- **CAF E-Learning Module**
Available via Learning Pool for new starters or those wanting a refresher.



Common Assessment and Lead Professional:

29th March- LP and TAC
28th April- CAF
27th June- LP and TAC
18th Sep- CAF

To book your place or to find out more please visit <http://bathnes.learningpool.com>.

Support for Settings

As the transition period approaches, we are aiming to make contact with all the local settings, initially in the North East Somerset area, to offer support around common assessments, and how they can be used to share information with schools, and ensure any support a child is receiving will follow them as they make the move to Primary education.

Lyn will be making contact with the settings in her area in the next few weeks and hopes to come out and meet you soon. If you are in a setting based in Bath and would also like a visit, please contact Kevin on 01225 395308.

Contact Us

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