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Early Help Assessment Processes

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For support that cannot be provided by universal service or single agency, where agency is an External Partner to Cumberland Council. E.g. Education, Health and Voluntary Organisations.

The following processes are outlined below:

- External partner agency unsure of the best person/agency to coordinate Early Help Assessment and are unsure of thresholds of family needs.
- External Partner agency feels they are the best person/agency to coordinate and are confident of thresholds of family needs.
- Early Help Assessment not progressing.
- Change of Early Help Assessment Lead Practitioner.

Consent is key and must be recorded. Informed consent must be sought from the outset. Lead Practitioner will explain consent and complete the **Consent Form** with the family.

External agency unsure of the best person/agency to coordinate Early Help Assessment and are unsure of thresholds of family needs:

Consult with Early Help Area Officer, (Partnership and Assurance), to discuss thresholds of family need.

- If after consultation it is agreed needs can be met at Early Help level, complete the Early Help Assessment with family (EHA) and follow steps in the next flow chart.
- If after consultation it is agreed needs cannot be met at Early Help level, complete the Single Contact form to request support at the appropriate level of need.

External Partner agency feels they are the best person/agency to coordinate and are confident of thresholds of family needs:

- Complete the **Online EHA registration form**.
- Consult with Early Help Area Officer if support is needed to complete the EHA.
- Complete EHA with child and family and upload a copy via the link on this page.
Early Help Assessments (EHA) | Cumberland Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Hold first TAF, agree the Family Action Plan then send a copy of the EHA and plan to the Family Help Partnership and Assurance Team via this link.
- Provide copy of agreed Family Action Plan to family and members of the TAF.
- Continue with TAF meetings until family needs are met.
- Complete closure paperwork including Family Outcomes.

Early Help Assessment is not progressing:

Consult with Early Help Area Officer (Partnership and Assurance), who will advise of most appropriate new Lead Practitioner where current Lead Practitioner is not the most suitable.

If Early Help Area Officer cannot resolve support needs, they may recommend you **Complete the Single Contact Form** to request support at the appropriate level of need.