

Early Help Approach - Think Family

- A need is presented/emerging concerns

Initiate the Early Help Approach

- Talk to the family about the Early Help Approach and gain consent

Speak to Locality

- Speak to early help consultants – a Story So Far may already be in place

Initiate the Story So Far

- Gain the voice of both parents/carer
- Include the child/young person's views on what is important to them and what **they want to change**.

Talk to other services for a coordinated approach

- Talk to other services such as health, education, nursery to gain an in depth understanding of the family's needs

Develop a plan

- Identify the outcomes the family agree they need to achieve
- Set out support based on what families have identified as being most relevant and necessary for their individual situation

Single agency response

The needs of the family can be met by single agency- i.e., your service can support and meet their needs.

Multi agency response

This is where more than one agency has been identified to meet the needs of the family.

Agency who completed the Story So Far to initiate the Team Around the Family (TAF) process inviting all those agencies supporting, enabling a multi-agency approach to meet the needs of the family.

Locality discussion

At any point during this process, you can request a locality discussion if more help and support is needed.

Or you may be unsure if an Early Help Approach is the right course of action a locality discussion could help you to work through this.

You may already be supporting a family and have consent, however its good practice to have discussion with the family prior to making contact so they are aware.

If there is no Story So Far in place your agency will need to gain consent from the parent/carer in order to take any discussions with the locality team forward.

If you are unable to gain consent, you can have an in-principle discussion without sharing any family details.

All Story So Far documents and subsequent Team Around the Family plans (TAF), with any requests for locality support should be sent to the Early Help Consultants for registration @ earlyhelp@bury.gov.uk

The Early Help Consultants can be contacted on 0161 253 5200/earlyhelp@bury.gov.uk for any advice or guidance.