

What do the Keeping Families Together team do?

We can offer you and your family extra support and will work with your social worker and others to help you all be safe and happy at home.

We know every family is different so we will agree a plan that works for you.

This may include things like:

How you all talk to each other and get along

Working with your mum, dad or carers to help them think about how they can avoid arguing or being violent in your home

Support for your mum, dad or carer to help them become more confident and able to set routines and rules to keep everyone safe

Work to help you think about things that you might want to change like anger, drug use, friendships, school etc.

Think about who in your family/friendship group could help with your plan.

If you're living away from home help plan for you to return



These things are important to us



Contact

Your keeping families together key worker(s) is:

Contact details:

If I am not around you can call:

Contact details:

Bury
Council



Keeping Families Together Team

Supporting children and young people to live safely at home with their families

Information for parents & carers

Why have the Keeping Families Together team been asked to work with us?



The social worker or in some cases the lead practitioner who has been working with your family feels you may need the extra help we can offer.

They may be worried that without it you, and/or your brothers and sisters may not be able to stay living at home. We want to help families to stay together safely with the right support.

In some situations, you may already be in our care, living with a foster carer or family/friends and the plan is to support you to return home safely. We can help with these plans and make sure they are successful so you can live with your family.

Who are the Keeping Families Together (KFT) team?

We are a team of staff with different skills and a lot of experience working closely with families who are having problems at home.

We work in a way that helps the whole family, supporting mums, dads and carers to make changes for themselves and for their family.

Our team works closely with your social worker or lead practitioner and anyone else who may be supporting you. This helps us be sure that you as a family have the right help from the right people.

How do the keeping families together team work?

A member of our team will work with you and will be called your 'key family worker'. Due to the way we work, you will also meet all of our team to make sure that if your key worker is not around you will already know the person who may need to come and see you.

All families working with our team will have a chance to be supported to hold a family/friend's meeting so you can all come together to agree your own plan.

Our support will start straight away based upon what you and your family need but we will also complete an assessment in the first 4 weeks to help us better understand what support is needed.

We will usually work with families for between 6 – 14 weeks, although with some families this may be longer.

Our team can work between 7am to 8pm, Monday to Friday, and 9am to 5pm on a Saturday to make sure we support you and your family at the times you need us. We will also try to be there if you have a problem, maybe a difficult argument, and we will try to support you all to sort this out so you can stay at home safely.

Your key family worker will attend all meetings held to make sure everyone is updated about the work we are doing together.

