



Early Help

Early Help Strategy

Newham vision of early help is:

Over 85,000 children live in Newham. Partners are committed to ensuring that every child in the borough grows up happy, healthy and safe, and receives an excellent education, which prepares them for the next stage in their life. We want to ensure that children and their families are able to access a coordinated early help offer as soon as a problem emerges, and that this offer is preventative, personalised and embedded within a whole family approach.

The strategy document for Early Help is being reviewed and will be completed by March 20.

Newham Pathways to help and support.

The Newham Pathways to help and support document also known as the threshold document) describes the arrangements agreed between partners and they are in line with the general approach in the sector.



The current Pathways to help and support has been recently revised and will be disseminated between Jan – March 20.

Newham's Early Help Offer

The current early help offer is available to families from the 0-19 service, Children's Centres, schools, Early Start (parenting service), the voluntary and community sector, youth service, youth offending team as well as Families First, which is the council's service for the most vulnerable families who do not meet statutory threshold. In addition, we have Headstart for children with low-medium mental health needs which is a lottery funded and LBN programme, NewDAy (domestic abuse support) teachers supporting schools as well as operation Encompass.

Coordination and training for the early help offer is available from the Early Help Partnership (EHP). The EHP provides advice and consultation to Lead Professionals undertaking EH in the universal services and IN assisting step up and down processes. It convenes Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) networks as well as other for a and be contacted via the

EarlyHelpPartnershipTeam@Newham.gov.uk.

Details of what can be accessed by families and professionals is available on the Local Offer Website:

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=0>

Early Help Support Coordination Panel

What is the Early Help Support Coordination Panel?

The Early Help Support Coordination Panel is designed to have the right conversation to navigate the right pathways to help and support to enable families to solve problems and find solutions at an early stage to prevent problems escalating. This may involve providing multi-agency input and to identify a lead professional if required, this can include allocated an Early Help Hub Practitioner to start initial work with the family.

How does it work?

The Early Help Support Coordination Panel will be responsible for ensuring the co-ordination of services to families engaged under universal services where one of the following applies:

- More targeted support is required with input from other agencies
- Progress with the family is "stuck" and multi-agency input and advice is required
- There is an identified need but no obvious lead agency

How frequent are the Panels?

Early Help Support Coordination Panels will be held four times, per school term and each panel will hear a maximum of 15 cases and can be access via the Early Help Team. Families referred to MASH who may benefit from the presentation at the Early Help Support Coordination Panel will be presented by Early Help team staff with consent.

Where are the Panels held?

The panel meetings will rotate through the four existing neighbourhoods (East, West, South and Central) each term in a host school or children's centre. Agencies do not need to book time slots for the meeting in their own location and can request the meeting most convenient for them.

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