



Your Family Assessment For Parents/Carers



This leaflet is to help you understand what a Family Help assessment is and how this can help you and your family.



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Why are you having a Your Family Help Assessment?

Either you, or someone who knows you, has asked for help or support for you and your family. An assessment of your situation will help us to agree with you what help and support you and your family might need and who might be best to help.

What is a Family Help Assessment?

We work with children and young people from before birth up to 18, or up to age 25 for young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). To help us provide the right support, the lead professional needs to know more about you and your family, to see how we can help. They will want to understand more about your family history, any health difficulties, your support network, housing, employment, and parenting. They will talk with you about your child's health and development. With Consent they will also speak with your family and other agencies, such as School, Health Visitors, GP, Teachers, Youth Workers, or Support Workers. We call this an 'assessment'.

A Family Help Assessment will be completed within 35 days.

How will this help me?

The assessment will help you and other people talk about any difficulties you and your family are having, what is working well in your family and what support your child/ren may need, so that if you need any extra support, the right people are there to help.

What if I don't want a Family Help Assessment?

To complete a Family Help Assessment, we need consent from parents or carers. If you decide not to give consent, we will let you know about other support available in the local community that you can access, such as our Family Hubs which you can access at any time.

Talking to Children

The assessment will always have the views of the child at the 'centre', meaning that their wellbeing sits at the heart of everything we do. This may include talking, creative work or observations.

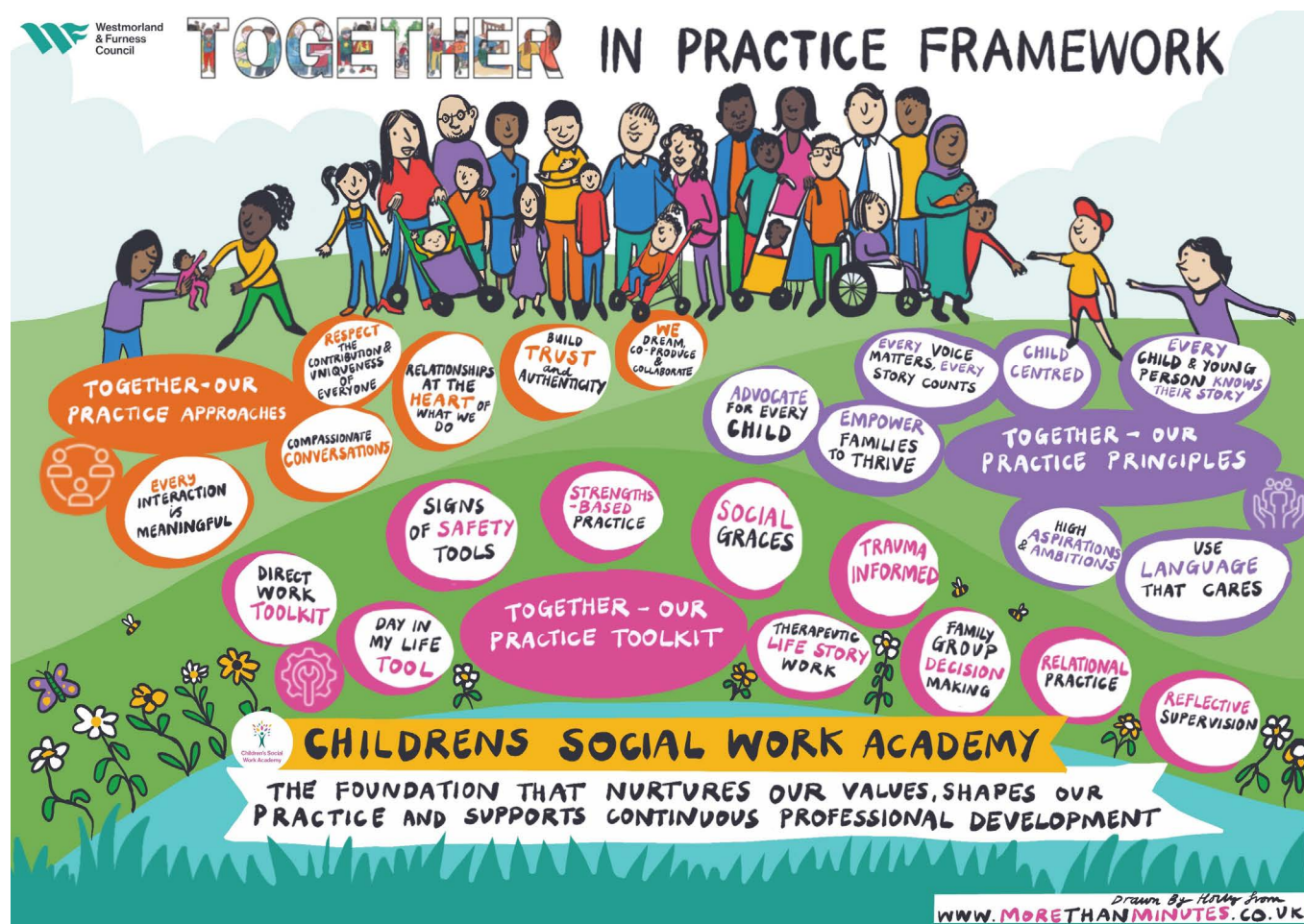


How we will work with you

Our **'Together in Practice Framework'** has been co-produced with children, young people, families and our workforce.

Our **Practice Approaches** guide how we communicate, support one another, and build positive relationships.

Our **Practice Principles** show us the best ways to help children, young people and families.



Our **Practice Toolkit** is full of creative and helpful ideas and activities to support children, young people and families.

Relationships are at the heart of what we do: We will take the time to get to know you and your family, we will listen carefully to what you have to say.

We have compassionate conversations: we will understand the challenges that you may have experienced in your life, and the impact they have had on you and your children. We will offer advice and support to help you to deal with the difficulties you and your family may be having.

We will work alongside you: we will keep you up-to-date about what we are doing and any worries we have during the assessment and afterwards.

With a little help most, families can sort out their own difficulties and our aim is to help you and your family do that.



Who will be able to see the information about me?

All information gathered by the Family Help Practitioner will be kept by the organisation, among those needing to know. The organisation will also send information to the Local Authority Partnership Support Team. If information comes to light where the Family Help Practitioner is seriously concerned for your child's welfare, they will have to tell someone. You will be told what your rights are in this situation.

The Family Assessment will be completed with you and if there is anything you do not agree with, your views about this will be clearly recorded within the assessment.

What happens after the Family Help Assessment?

You will receive a copy of the Your Family Assessment, and copies will also be shared with the professionals supporting your family and the Partnership Support Team.

A Your Family Plan will be developed with you based on the assessment and reviewed every six weeks through a Your Family Review.

When your families difficulties have improved there will be a discussion with you about ending Your Family Plan.



More information can be found on The Family Help websites:



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