Throughout the early help process ensure the family are clear about professional concerns, provided with opportunity to

develop their solutions and supported appropriately to achieve positive changes.

Early Help with Children & Families

Early Intervention and family solutions

· All professionals are able to undertake early help as a single agency and this work should be openly shared with parents/carers, providing the family opportunity implement new solutions. Each agency will have methods to record this work. If additional support is needed from other agencies, then an Early Help Assessment (EHA) will need to be completed, this includes explicit parental consent.

- · Comprehensive Assessment: including Childs Voice , Parents Voice and extended family support.
- Cultural genogram /ecomap and Chronology. Explore relational issues and impact of attachement, family history and any conflict. Full family involvment and identification of helpful supporters. Triangulate all of this information to assess the childs lived experience and emerging needs.

- Coordinated Multi Agency Approach: Professional feedback on identified emerging needs and strengths; including potential support services. identifying different support for family function and family relationships.
 - Extended family strengths and capacity to support the childs needs are identified. • Strengths ,impact and risks for the child are identified and analysis of the childs needs

Outcomes Focussed Childs plan, supporting family solutions including options of parenting or youth group solution and one to one casework. Working to improve family functioning and reduce any conflict. There are a range of scaling tools that can be used to evidence progress on the childs plan.

Family Solutions

• Family Solution Time: Timeout for families to provide reflection on identified needs and TAF options. Lead practitionerssupports family to consider the identified emerging needs and seek family solutions. Parents & Carers may benefit from identifying positive supporters within the family and friendship groups to help support them.

· Review of the intended outcomes. Record of positive changes and revisit scaling tools to evidence change. · Identify challenges and risks if change has not been achieved, review the risks and concerns against the safeguarding thresholds.

- Reflection with family on the outcomes positive or concerns, review with wider family support team and advise if professional concern is escalating. Revisit family solutions process to improve outcomes.
- If the concerns have escalted to CIN Or CP arrange referral to 'Starting Point' use the documented EHA & TAF to support the discussion; Including parental consent, where appropriate.

• If outcomes have improved agree 'Step Down ' with universal services.