



How we respond to the needs of children and families in Leeds

It is everybody's responsibility to assess those children and young people they come into contact with, and where a need is identified to respond early by holding conversations within and between;

- Universal;
- Targeted; and
- Specialist Services

to identify how those needs are met collectively.

As children's needs are met and concerns are reduced, we continue these conversations in order to provide appropriate support for the child and their family until that support is no longer required.

Always consider the need for consent



Working together to Safeguard Children (2013)

Government guidance states:

"If at anytime it is considered that the child maybe a child in need as defined in the Children Act 1989, or that the child has suffered significant harm or is likely to do so, a referral should be made immediately to local authority children's social care. This referral can be made by any professional."

If you are concerned that this is the case for any child you are working with, you **MUST** call the Duty and Advice Team (see below).

	Examples of Services provided	Conversation Opportunities	Who will help me start the conversation?
Universal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midwifery • GP • Health Visiting • School Nursing • Schools (primary, secondary and higher education) • Early Years provision • Youth Services • Children's Centres • Careers Advice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line manager • Own agency practitioners • Own agency Safeguarding Lead • Other universal agencies 	<p>Family Information Service Freephone: 0800 7310640</p> <p>Will be able to advise you of how to contact professionals within Universal Services</p>
Cluster Based Targeted Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Intervention and Support Services • Attendance Advisors • Targeted Mental Health Services • Youth Offending Service • Speech and Language • Area Inclusion Partnerships • Behaviour Support • Short Breaks and activities for children and young people with disabilities. 	<p>Would include those above and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Managers • Targeted Service Leaders • Cluster based groups • Integrated Processes Officers • Scope 	<p>Integrated Processes Team Tel: 0113 2476830</p> <p>Will advise you of who to contact in clusters and Targeted Services</p>
Specialist Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Social Work Service (Child in Need, Child Protection and Looked after Children and Care Leavers) • Specialist Health Services including Continuing Care and Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service Tier 3 and 4 • Complex Needs Service. • Multi-Systemic Therapy Service 	<p>Would include those above and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duty and Advice Team • Multi-agency practitioner meetings (e.g. Core Group meetings) • Allocated Social Worker • Specialist health workers • Complex Needs Service 	<p>Duty and Advice Team Tel: 0113 3760336 (out of hours 0113 2409536)</p> <p>Will discuss your concerns and advise the most appropriate course of action. This may include accepting a referral, signposting to specialist services or recommending an Early Help Assessment and support to be met in clusters</p>