

# Front Door, Assessment and Adolescent Services (FAAS)

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# Lancashire Front Door

- Lancashire's Front Door is the MASH based at Lancashire House in Accrington
- Within the MASH are Social Work teams and also Early Teams .
- Also sat within the MASH are colleagues from the Police and from health services.

# Lancashire Front Door

- If someone feels a child or family need help, or need to be safeguarded they contact the MASH
- If it is an immediate safeguarding concern or a member of the public they can phone and state their concerns.
- If it is a less immediate concern they should complete a request for support form seeking support

# Lancashire Front Door

- The aim at the Front Door in Lancashire is to ensure that information is shared appropriately and from that children and families are supported by the right service, at the right level of intervention, as speedily as possible.

# Lancashire Front Door

- The information in the Request for support form is reviewed and information is shared between the partners to see what the issues are and to decide who is best placed to support the family.
- That could be Childrens Social Care, it could be support from Lancashire's own Ealy Help Teams or it could be support from another service.

# Assessment Teams

- If its felt that a Childrens Social Care assessment is needed the child is passed on to the Duty and Assessment teams, which are geographically based around the county.
- These teams work with families and undertake assessments, again involving information from the family and from partners to plan how we support those children.

# Assessment Teams

- There is a legal framework that dictates how support should be offered to children who are found to need support from a Social Worker
- Children Act 1989, Section 17 if they are believed to be in need and Section 47 if they are believed to be at risk of harm.

# Assessment Teams

- The response at Section 47 depends on the outcome of enquires, but includes children being supported being supported either through a Child Protection Plan, or if the risks are so high, through being removed from their parents care with the agreement of the court.

# Adolescent Services

- In Lancashire's Childrens Social Care our adolescent Services incorporate two distinct elements.
- Our Contextual Safeguarding Teams and our Child and Youth Justice Teams.

# Adolescent Services, Contextual Safeguarding.

- Contextual Safeguarding has two elements within it.
- The Exploitation Team, that support children at risk of Criminal and/or Sexual exploitation or with issues around modern slavery.
- The Extra Familial Harm Team support children where the risks or issues are not linked to how they are supported by their parents, for example mental health issues.

# Adolescent Services, Contextual Safeguarding.

- .The children we support in the Extra Familial Harm team are often the children with the most complex needs and issues.
- They are children who frequently have Autistic Spectrum Conditions, and other elements that mean support to them has to be really tailored and individualised.

# CYJS

- CYJS is the name we give to youth offending services in Lancashire.
- The aim of this service is support children who have come into contact with youth justice, either through actual convictions or out of court disposals
- The aim is to ensure that these children do not reoffend
- However we have also developed a services within CYJS whose aim is to prevent children coming into contact with the Police and justice services in the first place

# FAAS

Any questions?