

Requesting a service from the Building Stronger Families Service

If you require support from the Darlington Borough Council (DBC) Building Stronger Families (BSF) service, tick the box and complete section 7 of the Early help Assessment. If this section is not completed it will be assumed that you do not require support from DBC.

PLEASE NOTE:

This is not a request for DBC to undertake the lead Professional role but for a worker to join your Family Network meeting and to undertake some direct work with the family. This will be when they are introduced to the family and support is agreed.

Access to single agency support via a group work will not require an early help assessment but a group referral form only.

Access to a group for a family requiring multi agency support will need the completion of the group referral form alongside the Early Help paperwork.

Access to other services outside of DBC will require a referral from the lead professional to those services directly.

It is the expectation that the initiator of the Early Help Assessment will arrange the initial Family Network Meeting and agree the lead professional prior/within the meeting with key agencies and the family.

Once a professional has completed their identified work, they will withdraw from the Family meeting and meetings will continue with only the agencies who continue to be involved.

Requests for further or continued support after closure to BSF must be re referred to the Childrens Front door using an updated Early Help Assessment. This document should be updated from the initial submission to show what has changed to warrant further involvement from the Building Stronger Families Service.

Family network meetings should continue after the building stronger Families practitioner has withdrawn until all work with the family is completed or it can step down to single agency support.

It is the lead professional's responsibility ONLY to alert the Early Help Coordinator on closure of the full Early Help Assessment. This is due to the family potentially receiving ongoing support without BSF involvement.

Outline what support you require by referring to the list below of available support:

0 -5	6 -18
Children Centre Activities Communication and Language Behaviour Help Play learning and development Home to Nursery Transition Support for children with additional needs 0 -3 Your Baby and You – targeted group Routines boundaries Bump and Baby Parenting Pre Birth support	Parenting Behaviour interventions Emotional well being Self Esteem Being Me, I am Me, Parent carer SRE and Parent Factor Internet Safety – Child and Parent Homeless 16 & 17 Post 16 progression to EET (for children not on roll at school)

Other Generic services
Theraplay – Group and 1-1 delivery Routines and boundaries Home conditions, home safety Safety planning Therapeutic Work Return to work Families at risk of financial exclusion School attendance Children missing education Children who display harmful sexualised behaviour At risk of eviction Support to access mental health services Domestic Violence support Support for parents who misuse drugs and alcohol Low level, child sexual exploitation C: The Box group work interventions delivered through multi media.