

Children And Family Services

Child and Family Placement and Support

What do we do?

Government legislation within the Children Act 1989 gives local authorities responsibility for looking after children in need in their area. Children in need are broadly defined as children whose health and welfare may suffer significantly without support from Social Services. This does not imply that these children are neglected by their families – it can apply to a child whose family is temporarily in difficult circumstances and unable to cope. However, if a child or young person is being abused or neglected then the local authority has a duty to investigate and take necessary action in order to protect and promote the child's welfare.

Our work involves:

- Working with families where it has been recognised that children and their families may require support.
- Carrying out risk assessments and responsibility for the co-ordination of the Child Protection Plan.
- Undertaking Comprehensive Framework Assessments (Core Assessments).
- Co-ordinating packages of support.
- Working in partnership with families to keep them together.
- Working closely with other professionals and agencies.
- The preparation and implementation of Care Plans for children who are Looked After.
- Permanency planning (Long term foster care/ Adoption).
- Court Proceedings.

We work as two teams of qualified Social Workers, registered with the Care Council of Wales, and experienced Social Work Assistants.

Who is the service for?

- Children and Young people whose families need help and support to look after them because of ill health or other problems or who are at risk of harm, have been neglected or who may have been harmed.
- Children who are Looked After (in care) and Children who have left Care or ceased to be Looked After.

How can you find out more?

Expressions of concern about children are welcomed from family members, members of the public and professionals who can make a referral to:

The **First Contact Team** or the **Family Support and Placement Teams 1 & 2**

Phone - 01446 725202

Fax - 01446 725205

Office opening times: 8:30am – 5:00pm Monday to Thursday.

8:30am – 4:30pm Friday.

Personal callers are welcome during office hours at Haydock House, Holton Road, Barry.

The **Emergency Duty Team** is available outside these hours and on Bank Holidays only.

Telephone: 029 20448360.

This leaflet is also available in other languages and in large print and other formats upon request.

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