Children & Families

Family Group Meeting Project (FGM)

What do we do?

We aim to enable families to find their own solutions to problems concerning their children or young people. The FGM Co-ordinator arranges a meeting with the child, their family and other relevant professionals such as the child's Teacher and Social Worker. During the meeting professionals give an outline of their concerns and views to the family, the family add the issues and concerns they wish to address and then the family are left in private to formulate a plan that meets their child's needs. This empowers families to take responsibility for their child or young person, gives them ownership of the problems and solutions and commitment to make their plans work.

Who is the service for?

A Family Group Meeting can be arranged where there are concerns about:

- A child's behaviour at home and there is a risk of being placed in Local Authority Accommodation;
- A child's safety;
- A child's behaviour at school or there is non-school attendance;
- A child is committing crime and the effect this behaviour has within the family or community;
- Family relationships.
- Contact arrangements.

Referrals can only be made by Fieldworkers within Children and Family Services, NCH workers and Sure Start workers.

How can you find out more?

If you are concerned about a child, in the first instance contact:

The First Contact Team
Telephone Number: 01446 725202

Opening Hours: 9am – 5pm Monday - Thursday
9am – 4.30pm Friday

If you would like to make a referral to the Vale Family Group Meeting Project, contact the Co-ordinator on:
Telephone: 01446 704679

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