

# Early Help Strategy on a page



Listening, Learning and Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People

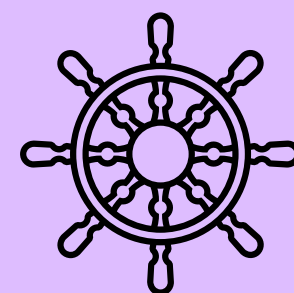
RESPECTFUL CHALLENGE • ACCOUNTABILITY • LISTENING • LEARNING • INCLUSION

Solihull Safeguarding Children Partnership have developed an Early Help Strategy which outlines our approach to effective early help that can offer children and young people the support needed, when they need it, to reach their full potential. The strategy is essential to ensure that there is effective co-ordination of the identification, assessment and intervention of children and their families as they emerge to ensure that the needs do not escalate to the extent that statutory intervention is required.

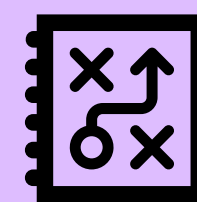
## Outcomes



## Strategic Priorities



Leadership & Partnership



Assessment, Plan & Intervention



Professional challenge & support

Multi-Agency Approach to Early Help

'We work together so that children and young people in Solihull are heard and receive help at the earliest opportunity to keep them safe from harm and neglect and have the opportunity to thrive.'

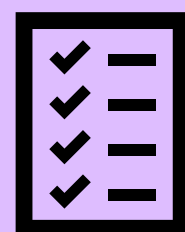
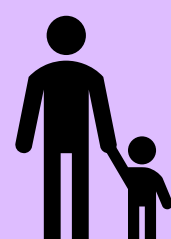
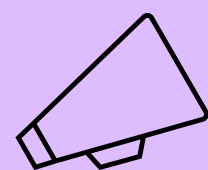
## Principles of the Partnership approach to Early Help

**The Child's 'Voice'** – it is vital to listen, hear and observe the child, and to focus on their experiences and lived experiences. This means understanding what a day in their life looks and feels like from their perspective.

**Whole Family approach** – as with hearing the voice of the child or young person, it is equally important that we work collaboratively with all parents and carers - including fathers - to ensure they are listened to and involved in discussions and decision making.

**Multi-agency approach** - we work collaboratively as a partnership understanding the services that are available in Solihull, supporting families to access them.

**Outcome focused Plans** - our family plans will be focused on the measurable outcomes which will improve the lives of our children and families



**Strengths-based practice** - identifying the strengths, assets and protective factors in a child, young people's or family's life and circumstances, to build on these in order to reduce and prevent the presenting needs and issues and build longer-term resilience. This involves taking a wider view of a child, young person, or family, in the context of their environment, community, relationships, interests etc

**Evidence informed interventions** - we will offer interventions to families which are evidenced informed, and we know will make a difference to children and family's lives

**Recognising difference** - working to understand and respect individuality, values, beliefs, culture, disability, neurodiversity, gender identity

## How we will deliver on the Strategy

- Strong leadership and accountability
- Geographical linking and mapping of services
- Refresh agencies knowledge about Early Help services
- Universal multi-agency assessment, guidance and planning based on best practice nationally
- A graduated approach to key areas such as domestic abuse, exploitation and homelessness
- Improving the involvement of children and families in developing services
- Targeted training offer around Early Help
- Improved quality assurance function to evidence the impact on children and families

