

# ***Early Help: What is Early Help***

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# Brief Overview of the presentation

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2. What do we mean by it?
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## What is Early Help?

Early help is providing support to potentially vulnerable children, young people and families as soon as problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future.

It is about the way we can all work together, share information, and put the child and their family at the centre providing effective support to help them solve problems and find solutions at an early stage, so we avoid needs becoming so great that specialist statutory interventions are required.

Right Support at the Right Time!



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## Early Help is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility

Every person working with or engaging with children and families, including services for adults, regardless of organisation, status or position, has a responsibility to help deliver early help. Without shared responsibility – cross sector whether public, private, voluntary or community – we run the risk of missing an opportunity to get help to children and families quickly.

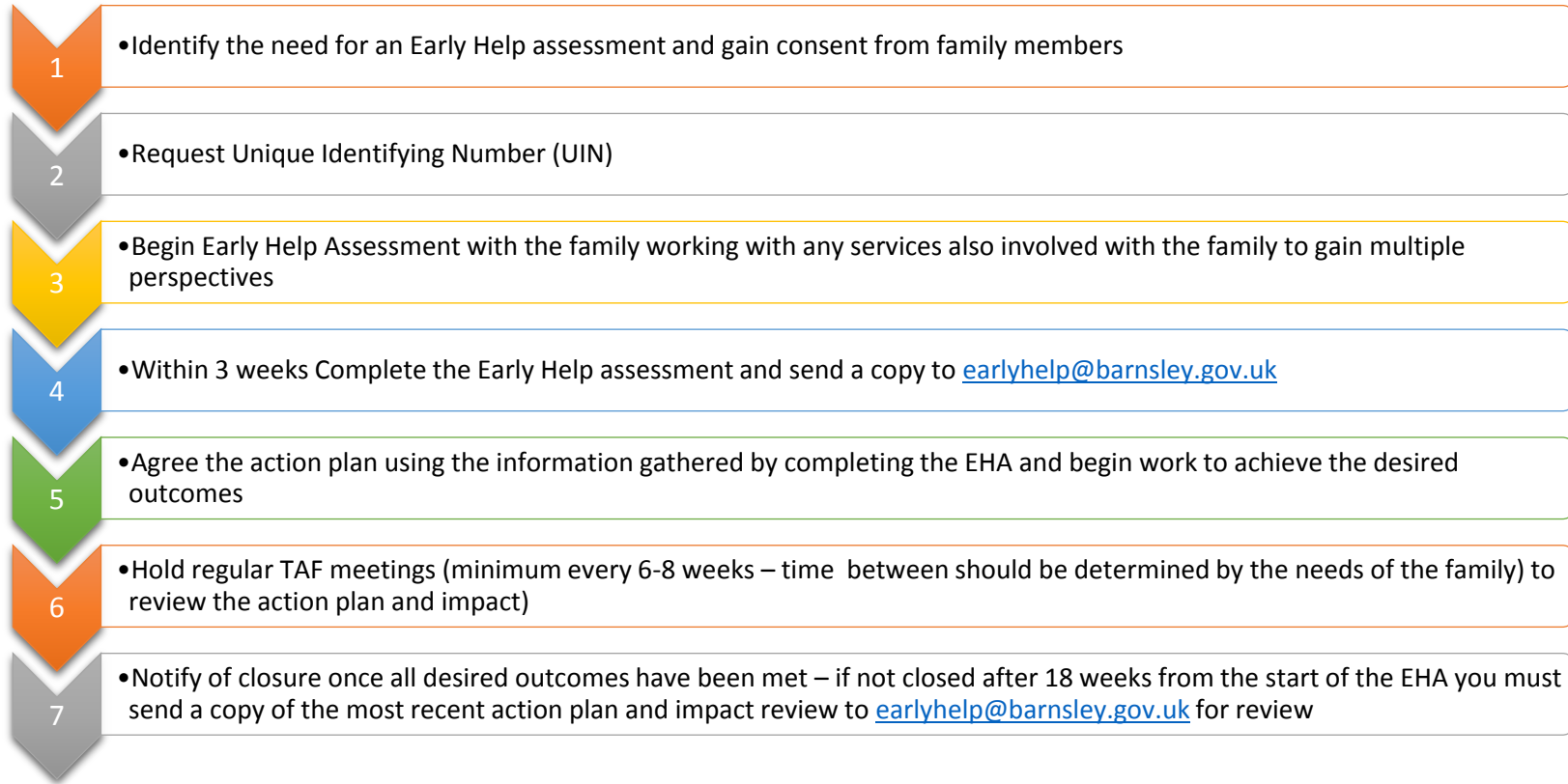


# What does this mean in practice?

- Identification of children and families whose needs can't be met at a universal level
- 'Wobblers'
- Parents may disclose worries regarding children's behaviour, child or parental mental health and wellbeing



# Early Help Process



# Request for Targeted Services

- Targeted Support includes requests for Family Support Workers, Youth workers and requests for evidence based parenting programmes
- These are discussed at a weekly Early Help Panel which includes Family Support Managers, TYS manager and Health Colleagues



Complete a Family Centre Early Help Request for Support form which can be accessed at [Barnsley.gov.uk/earlyhelp](http://Barnsley.gov.uk/earlyhelp)



Email the completed form to [earlyhelp@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@barnsley.gov.uk)



Request will be reviewed and allocated at the Early Help Panel to

- Family Support Worker
- Targeted group



- Practitioner will be informed of the decision





# What to include in the form?

- Form should include as much information as possible including the details of all the members of the family
- Should include information regarding the reason for referral and why you believe support is needed for the family, as well as any other information you feel will allow panel to make a decision on the best support for the family



# Early Help Request for Support Form

- The form can be found at
- [www.barnsley.gov.uk/earlyhelp](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/earlyhelp)
- Once complete the form needs to be emailed to [earlyhelp@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@barnsley.gov.uk)
- Consent needs to be gained to for the request but the form currently does not need to be signed- you would need to write that verbal consent has been agreed



# Facts and Figures

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- In September 2020 there were 3062 children and young people being supported by an open Early Help Assessment
- Between September 19-20 460 EHA were instigated
- Top 4 reasons for EHA instigation
  - Child Emotional Wellbeing
  - Recommendation from Social Care
  - Child Learning Need
  - Education, Health and Care need

# Thank you

- Any questions
- If you would like to discuss further please contact [shelleyshaw2@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:shelleyshaw2@barnsley.gov.uk) or contact me on 07867140050

