

Leicester Early Help Assessment Model

What is Early Help?

Children and young people can experience a range of difficulties at any time in their life. Early help services are for children and young people of any age and can be supported from all kinds of services and organisations who work together to support the family.

Leicester's Partnership Early Help Strategy has three key aims:

SUPPORT

We want to target resources effectively to support children, young people and their families as early as possible when problems arise.

We want children to have secure attachments to capable, confident parents, and be supported in their development.

STRENGTHEN

We want to build on the strengths and capacity of families and communities to meet children's needs independently through universal services.

We want children to develop friendships and enjoy learning and play, to reach their full potential, and be ready for secondary school. In secondary school we want engaged, emotionally resilient young people, achieving their ambitions and setting goals for the future, and understanding how to get there. We want engaged young people aged 16+ who are in education, employment or training that matches their ambition and ability, who have respectful relationships and good friends, have skills for independence, and able to see the future positively.

THRIVE

We want to support children to thrive by intervening to improve key protective factors that help build resilience.

We want all our children and young people to be healthy and safe from all forms of harm including exploitation and bullying, to have secure warm attachments to people who care for them and look out for them, and are enabled to make good choices in their lives.

Working together to support children, young people and their families to THRIVE

Our 9 Step 'Early Help Process'

We work with our partners, using a multi-agency team around the family approach, with children at the centre and an identified lead practitioner.



Leicester's Early Help Partnership believes:

Early Help is the shared responsibility of all agencies that work with families with children and young people of any age and at any time

Services providing early help should be responsive, flexible and focused on safeguarding children and young people, improving family outcomes and promoting their health and wellbeing

Children and young people's needs are best met when addressed in the context of the whole family, with agreement, as part of a holistic 'team around the family response'

All children, young people and families have a right to receive high quality services that are appropriate to their needs and take their views and lived experience into account

Where possible, children and young people should be supported in their local communities in universal settings, avoiding the need for specialist or statutory involvement

The workforce should be capable and confident, with organisations supporting staff to develop their skills and work collaboratively to provide support to children, young people and families

Services providing early help services should share information appropriately in order to improve services to reduce risks to children

OUR PLEDGE



We will listen to you and not judge you.



We will 'work with' you - and not 'do to' you.



We will make every contact count.



We won't pass the buck.



We will take care of your information.



Our assessments will be uncomplicated and robust.



We will give you one point of contact.