

# Integrated Early Support



## Team around the family (TAF)

### TAF benefits

<b>Practitioner benefits:</b>	<b>Benefits for the child and their family:</b>
One professional gathers the information to produce one single assessment. The process encourages child and family engagement	Children, young people and families tell their story only once. A holistic approach for the whole family that considers strengths and need
A child's journey is captured in line with Ofsted inspection frameworks for safeguarding services and children's centres	The voice of the child is heard
Assessments sit within the continuum of need process and are therefore aligned with initial and core assessment processes within Children's Social Care	Assessment information is agreed in partnership with children and parents
With parent/child consent the TAF assessment becomes a tool to share information amongst professionals	No repetitive assessments
No duplicate help provided, saving time and money. Facilitates single point of access and referral	No conflicting advice given to the family
Encourages outcome focused action plans which are clear and co-ordinated	Support offered timely, at the earliest point, to deal with difficulties and prevent these from becoming more serious
Where a range of services are being accessed one professional takes on the role of lead person	The family have on clear single point of contact
Lead person reviews the action plan and ensures progress	Lead person keeps the family updated on all actions through TAF meetings