

## Early Help Strategy Event

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### Reps Report

**Local Definition:** Early Help is targeted support to meet identified need.

The focus is also on helping young people on step changes, both up and down, through thresholds. e.g. universal services to targeted support – specialist provision.

**Priority** – to improve access to information across services:

- Information sharing
- Universal language

#### Next steps:

- Local Logo
- Multi-agency action plan
- Early Help Portal/App in development – if anyone would like to get involved in developing this please contact: Richard Baldwin  
[Richard\\_Baldwin@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Richard_Baldwin@BATHNES.GOV.UK)
- Identifying areas where information sharing meets barriers – if you have any comments please contact: Richard Baldwin  
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- The LSCB is redeveloping its website to make it easier to use – launch late Summer 2016

The Early Help Board will be establishing action groups to develop work on various identified themes:

- Impact Measurement
- Parenting Strategy
- Early Years Inter-agency working

Other themes to be identified. If anyone wishes to be involved in developing one of the themes, please contact Debbie Forward, Senior Commissioning Manager, Preventative Services. [Deborah\\_Forward@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Deborah_Forward@BATHNES.GOV.UK)

**Cheryl Unthank** from the Trauma Recovery Centre, and one of our reps on the Parenting Strategy Group, **had agreed to continue to represent the Network on the Parenting Strategy Action Group.** If you have any ideas or comments you would like her to take forward, please contact her on: [cheryl.unthank@trc-uk.org](mailto:cheryl.unthank@trc-uk.org)

**The Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** – designed for when there are concerns about a child/young person's progress, needs are unclear and/or they need more than one service. Is done with the consent and in partnership with the family.

First find out if a CAF exists for this child/young person – contact Alex Hobbs:  
[Alex\\_Hobbs@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Alex_Hobbs@BATHNES.GOV.UK)

Each child/young person in a family should have their own CAF

Anjula and Kevin from the integrated working team can support with doing CAF's

- Kevin Clark [Kevin\\_Clark@BATHNES.GOV.UK](mailto:Kevin_Clark@BATHNES.GOV.UK) (for within Bath)
- Anjula Kaushik [anjula\\_kaushik@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:anjula_kaushik@bathnes.gov.uk) (for North East Somerset area).

See also [http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/professionals\\_leaflet\\_0.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/professionals_leaflet_0.pdf)

Dates:

- **4 February 2016** – LSCB re-launch child protection policies online. Visit: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection/local-safeguarding-children-board>
- **8 February 2016** – Networking Event and workshops at Keynsham Community Centre looking at thresholds and referrals. 9am – 11am.