

Responding with an early help approach to the needs of children and families in Leeds



Early help

- Early in the life of the problem - whatever the age of the child or young person
- Early to respond when problems emerge, or re-emerge
- Support in school, home and community through a graduated approach
- Help to prevent concerns getting worse and avoid the need for statutory intervention

Right conversations, right people, right time

Early help is our partnership approach when responding to a range of individual social, health and educational issues, providing support to children, young people and their families as soon as problems emerge or re-emerge

Where to go for more information:

Support	Definition	Key Contacts and further info
Universal	Most children's needs are met by their family or universal services that are available to everyone, provided as a right to all children, young people and their families	Family Information Service ☎ 0113 3789700 ✉ family.info@leeds.gov.uk 🌐 https://familyinformation.leeds.gov.uk
Targeted	Targeted services provide additional capacity and expertise and may use a coordinated multi-disciplinary approach, early help assessment and plan with a Lead Practitioner coordinating support	If you know them, contact your local Targeted Service Leader or Cluster Manager Alternatively, contact Early Help Hubs:
Specialist	When needs cannot be met in universal or targeted services, a request can be made for specialist services. You may need a discussion about what is available and how to request it	East: ✉ eastearlyhelp@leeds.gov.uk ☎ 0113 535 1899 West: ✉ westearlyhelp@leeds.gov.uk ☎ 0113 535 1924 South: ✉ southearlyhelp@leeds.gov.uk ☎ 0113 535 0185



If you are concerned that a child is suffering, or is at risk of suffering significant harm, contact Duty and Advice

Practitioners - ☎ 0113 3760336 Public - ☎ 0113 2224403
For an immediate risk contact the Police - ☎ 999



Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership

