

Information Sharing

A young person's wish to keep information confidential from parents may be respected when there is evidence that it is in the young person's best interests.

Information that the family provide will only be shared with other agencies with their consent.

However there may be certain times when the people working with families will need to share information in the child's best interests.

For example:

- if they need to find out if a child is at risk of harm;
- to help a child who is at risk of harm;
- when an adult is at risk of harm; and
- to help prevent or detect a serious crime.

ContactPoint is a quick way to find out who else is working with a child. It helps professionals to:

- make sure that every child is getting the support they need;
- find the right support quickly, before problems get more serious;
- ensure that a child or a family doesn't have to explain the same things lots of different times; and
- make sure they are not duplicating work already being done by others.

For more information on ContactPoint

Phone: **0113 395 0900** or email:
contactpoint@educationleeds.co.uk

How do I obtain further information?

For more information about intervention panels or to receive this leaflet in another language or Braille, please contact the CAF Team on **0113 247 6830** or email: **CAFteam@leeds.gov.uk** or visit our website: **www.leedsinitiative.org/children**

Intervention Panels Welcome to a new way of helping Children and Young People



Children Leeds is the local partnership for agencies working with children and families in Leeds. It is led by Leeds City Council.

Children Leeds

Across Leeds we are already using the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) to bring services together around the needs of children, young people and families. Now we have introduced Intervention panels, and Children Leeds panels, as an additional way to address the most complex cases.

A separate leaflet tells you about Children Leeds panels, this leaflet is about intervention panels.

What is an intervention panel?

Intervention panels are meetings of local managers from across children's services. They meet monthly to discuss how to focus support from their services in a more flexible way to ensure children's needs are met.

These meetings are chaired by an Integrated Service Leader (ISL). An ISL is a key professional who knows the local area and services available.

The panel provides support to lead professionals and key workers in the implementation of the CAF process. This is achieved by those service managers agreeing to work differently for individual children and also collectively solving the problems that are preventing progress in improving specific outcomes identified in the CAF.

The panel addresses difficulties arising from complex cases where there are multiple agencies already involved and progress has been poor or problematic.

When could a panel support you?

As a lead professional/key worker, if you and multi agency partners have tried all methods and resources available, and outcomes are still not improving sufficiently, then it is recommended that you make a request for support.

Criteria for cases to be presented at panel

- the child or young person is between the ages of 0-19 (up to 25 for young adults with disabilities);
- a full CAF has been completed;
- a multi agency Team Around The Child meeting has taken place;
- there is evidence of multi-agency action planning that has been undertaken and reviewed;
- there may be identification of further needs;
- the lead professional/key worker's manager has been made aware of the challenges/and or reasons for the request for support; and
- consent has been obtained.

What happens next?

Once a case has been accepted the lead professional/key worker is asked to attend a panel meeting. They will be allocated time for the case to be presented and discussed in a solution focused way. Recommendations will be given by the panel to provide support for the child/young person and family.

How do you access a panel?

Please contact the CAF team on **0113 247 6830** (or email CAFteam@leeds.gov.uk) for the initial discussion on how to make a request.

