

Early Help Front Door

- Weekly screening and social work analysis of cases for the Primary and Secondary Inclusion Panel supporting inclusion & support of children with significant complexities
- Front door triage and screening of referrals from school professionals.
- EHCP care conversations

Locality MASTs and Parenting

- An established track record of thinking creatively to support schools within our localities such as the Early Help Contextual Safeguarding Pilot delivered at Chaucer School.
- Evidence of positive relationships and cooperation between MAST and schools for active MAST cases.
- Parenting Hub offer available to all parents throughout the pandemic via online groups and seminars
- TAF consultation survey

Supporting our Access & Inclusion Colleagues

- A revised model of 'team around the school' is being developed and consulted on which is considering how Inclusion & attendance, SEND, early family support and mental health support can wrap around a school.
- Locality Stage 1 and Stage 2 panels to discuss individual children and young people and help schools with a graduated response to meeting their needs.
- Early help forms part of the Inclusion Taskforce: Sheffield's cross-sector, school-led key strategic partnership group to help deliver upon the aims of the Inclusion Strategy.
- Representation on the PIP and SIP panels by operational early help Service Managers, Simone Palmer and Sarah Martin.

THE EARLY HELP OFFER FOR SCHOOLS:

MAST is delivered through 3 locality models; North, East and West and delivers direct intervention to families through an action plan based upon a 'whole family' model of working.

The Schools & Communities Team offers a citywide outreach and intervention service to all schools in Sheffield.

The Parenting team offers evidenced based parenting programmes and self-help to families and trains professionals in the use of parenting approaches.



In the academic year 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021:

- We received **3940** referrals into early help screening hub for school aged children aged 5-16
- We have received **1786** requests for advice from schools into the Schools and Communities team
- The number of school aged children that have been supported by us through a formal period of intervention is **5249**





Schools & Communities Team

- There are 177 schools in Sheffield. Each school has a dedicated linked worker
- A family advice session for any child/family identified for further support by schools and partner agencies.
- FCAF and TAF/referral training opportunities
- TAF/Referral support where a child/family are identified as requiring an intervention following an advice session.
- Promoting school's access to the wider Early Help Local Authority offer

Early Help and Children's Social Care Integrated Front Door

- We are working closely with our colleagues in Children's Social Care to create one pathway into all services for children & families within Sheffield regardless of complexity. This will reduce the number of touchpoints for families and professionals, avoid duplication whilst providing high quality advice and consultation to partners.
- We are supporting the implementation of dedicated educational leads within the hub.
- We have successfully completed our initial pilot of the Integrated Front Door between 31st Jan – 11th Feb February 2022.
- Visits to the safeguarding hub by schools have taken place.



Early Years

The Start for Life programme has a key objective to improve child development & school readiness:

- All activity in Family Centres will support the development of speech & language and parental knowledge
- Reduced average age at referral to EYIT
- Increased percentage of children achieving expected learning goals in communication & language at foundation stage.



Early Help SEND support

- Every special school within Sheffield has a SEND practice lead link worker who can provide advice, support for meetings/planning and consultation.
- SEND practice leads provide consultation sessions for cases open to Intervention workers where children attend or are on roll at a mainstream school provision or are elected home educated and those also out of school.
- SEND practice leads will work collaboratively with the Schools & Communities team where a request for advice sessions is received from a mainstream school that is experiencing challenges in respect of SEND related issues. This can include attending advice sessions, supporting in TAF meetings, annual reviews and EHCP planning.
- SEND professionals within early help hold a small caseload of complex work. They work intensively with partners including schools where families may be experiencing crisis or where school inclusion and attendance are challenging.
- SEND related issues can contribute to a significant lack of attendance at school. We work 'whole family' in targeting the areas of need identified.



“We’re so thrilled with how MAST are now supporting us as a school, we feel so much more supported”

Woodseats Primary

“I know I only saw you for one advice session but I thought it was inclusive and informative speeding up the process for families and schools. Thank you”.

Outwood Academy

“The increased contact with MAST is making the MAST service more accessible to parents as presumptions about our service are being broken down. For example, the school are now posting the parenting offer on their website and other information about MAST, enabling parents to access support quicker”

Schools & Communities team member

“Thank you for the meetings today – both sets of parents were pleased with and reassured by you support and advice.

Hucklow Primary School.

“I wanted to say what I pleasure it is to work with you. You are so on the ball and I am super impressed with the service you deliver. Thank you so much”.

Carterknowle Schools

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