

How can you find out more?

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www.sheffield.gov.uk/familycaf

Family Common Assessment Framework (FCAF)

Information for Families

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What is a Family CAF and how does it work?

A Family Common Assessment (also known as an FCAF) is a way of finding out about your family's strengths, any problems you are having and what extra support you might need.

It involves listening to adults and children in your family and sometimes other services involved with your family.

A worker will meet and talk with your family about:

- People who live in your house and frequently visit you
- Who helps when you need it and what support you already get
- Health needs of the family
- Education and training
- Family relationships
- Housing, employment and money issues you need help with

Completing an FCAF means you do not have to repeat your story to lots of different workers.



Why work with the whole family?

Because if one person in a family has a problem, this may be a child, young person or adult, it generally will have an affect on other people in the family. If all the family is supported, it is more likely that things will improve for you.

Who will have information about me?

The information you provide will only be shared with your consent. Only workers who need to know about you will have information about you. However there may be times when the people working with you may need to share the information:

- When they need to find out urgently if a child or a young person is at risk of serious harm.
- To help a child or young person who is at risk of harm.
- When an adult is at risk of harm.
- To help prevent or detect a serious crime.

As and when we consider involving other professionals to support your family, we will keep you informed.

Tell us what you think about your experience of FCAF

Your feedback will help us to make sure the FCAF experience is a positive one for families in Sheffield.

