

Dear Parent/Carer

### Early Help Assessment (EHA)

We would like to support you and your family by offering to complete an Early Help Assessment with you.

The EHA is a shared assessment for use across all children's services in Derby City and Derbyshire. It aims to help the early identification of children and young people's emerging needs where a child and family would benefit from co-ordinated support from more than one agency (e.g. education, health, housing, and police) by working together. The assessment is a family based assessment; this means that each child's needs / strengths can be captured within one assessment.

This assessment usually takes around an hour and we would sit together and talk about any support you may need, any difficulties you may be facing and then I send this to the Vulnerable Childrens Meeting (VCM) which is held every Thursday. At this meeting there are representatives from Health, Housing, Social Care and Education, also under 11s MAT team, Youth workers etc.

They will look at the assessment and make a decision how best to support you and your family.

If you feel this is something that would support you and your family then please make contact with a member of the Safeguarding Team, lets see if together we can get the help in place to resolve any issues or worries you may have.

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