

EHASH (Early Help and Safeguarding Hub)

EHASH is replacing ACCESS and Early Help front doors on 26th June 2017.

EHASH vision and ethos:

We are the single point of contact for safeguarding and targeted support for vulnerable children, young people and their families

We share the principle of 'get it right first time' in early help and safeguarding. The EHASH is designed to further strengthen the opportunities at a local level to respond to children's emerging needs at the earliest possible stage. 'Getting it right first time' for more children and families will help to prevent need from escalating and also reduce the volume of referrals to more expensive acute and specialist services provided by children's social care, the police, health providers and other partners.

We will create an effective multi-agency vulnerability pathway which makes efficient use of shared resource amongst partners

We will collaborate in information sharing which underpins a comprehensive joined up 'offer for children and young people'

We are proactive, and work together in true collaborative partnership to achieve shared priorities and positive outcomes for children, young people and their families.

Contact Details

Telephone Number: the telephone number will remain the same 01482 448879 for all contacts to the service.

Email address is EHASHgc@hullcc.gcsx.gov.uk for all secure correspondence and then EHASH@hullcc.gov.uk for all non-confidential matters.

Contact, Information Share and Referral Form

There is a new contact, information sharing and referral form for all requests for services for targeted Early Help and Safeguarding assessment. This is available on the Hull Safeguarding Children Board's website or by following the attached link

[Contact and Referral Form](#)

Partners based within the EHASH –

Local Authority Safeguarding Children's Services
Humberside Police
City Health Care Partnership - Named Nurse (Safeguarding)
Domestic Abuse Partnership
Early Help Children's Centres

Early Help Locality Hubs
Children's Disability Service
Early Help CSW and Social Workers
Systemic Clinicians

'Virtual' Partners of EHASH

National Probation Service (Hull and East Yorkshire)
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Humber NHS Trust
Hull and East Yorkshire Hospitals
Local Authority Housing
Early Help Targeted Youth Services
Local Authority Anti-Social Behaviour/Neighbourhood Nuisance
CHCP – 0-19 Health Visiting and School Nurse Service
Youth Justice Service
Schools Partnership Officer

Lead Officer Comment

Christine Wilson

Chief Superintendent, EHASH Project Executive.

"I am delighted to see the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH) go live in Hull on Monday.

Over many months professionals from a broad range of services and agencies, within the City, have been working together to turn the concept of early help as an integrated and fundamental part of our safeguarding duties, into reality.

The EHASH will enable us to identify and assess the needs of children, young people and families and ensure that a consistent, timely and collaborated multi-agency response is provided to welfare and safeguarding concerns about children, young people and families.

The EHASH will provide the highest level of knowledge and an assessment of known information across the partnership to ensure all targeted early help and safeguarding activity and intervention is timely, proportionate and necessary. Providing early help prevents additional concerns arising in the future and is more effective in promoting the long term welfare of children.

Effective sharing of information between professionals and local agencies is essential for the identification and assessment of need and then the subsequent service provision.

The implementation of the EHASH demonstrates the commitment of the partnership arrangements within the city to enhance the response to providing early help and safeguarding to children, young people and families, ultimately improving the outcomes for children. I am immensely proud to have worked alongside those who have helped to make

this a reality, and who are determined that children, young people and families continue to get the very best support from all those involved in supporting their development.”

Jon Plant
City Children Safeguarding Manager

“There have been historically strong partnership arrangements for safeguarding the most vulnerable children in the city and our response to children who are at risk of significant harm is prompt and effective.

The Early Help and Safeguarding Hub is designed to strengthen and enhance the existing arrangements for responding to concerns about children and young people. You can get in touch with the EHASH on the existing number for Access and Assessment so there is no change to the arrangements for responding to any concerns about children and young people. Anyone worried about a child should use the same number, in the same way. Anyone worried that a child is at immediate risk of harm should call 999.

The EHASH is designed to improve responsiveness to contacts and referrals by co-locating key professionals and providing the opportunity for prompt and appropriate information-sharing so we can make the right response in a timely way to all contacts that are made. This means that where a decision is made to support a family through a targeted early help response we will be better able to respond and coordinate this and provide social care oversight if this is necessary. We maintain the principle of ‘get it right first time’ in early help and safeguarding and want to continue to reduce the relatively low rate of re-referral in Hull.

The aim of the EHASH is to improve our responsiveness to children, young people and families through co-location, easier information-sharing and enabling access to a range of advice and support from the multi-agency team that will support the process and enable the ‘team around the family’ at a local level where this is appropriate.

These arrangements also build on the strong early help arrangements within localities and the early help action meetings. The EHASH process will be continuous with these arrangements, all the time aiming to strengthen the opportunities at a local level to respond to children’s emerging needs at the earliest possible stage.”