

BRIEF INTERVENTION SERVICE

Wandsworth's Children's Services' Referral and Assessment Service is changing - from 13 June 2022, we are implementing the Brief Intervention Service.

The Brief intervention Teams work with families in a focused way looking at what is working well what could be different in the shortest time possible to make long lasting changes. We will work together to create a plan of work that we all agree with.

Your social worker wants to work together with your family building on what you are already doing well. You know your family better than anyone else and your ideas are important in making goals that we will work towards.



What to expect from the Social Worker's first visit to your family?

- The allocated Social Worker will contact you to visit your family within five working days of the decision to start a child and family assessment. You will know why the assessment is being completed and which professionals involved with your family will inform the assessment and plan arising from it.
- Before the visit to your family, the allocated Social Worker and their manager will have met to think about the referral, they will have reviewed the social care records of your family if previously known to the department and will have thought of areas that the meetings with you will aim to explore. The allocated Social Worker will bring their proposed plan to discuss with you and the children and agree on what the plan of work will look like for the first 6 weeks.
- Your Social Worker will want to hear the views of everyone in the family and would plan with you to convene a family meeting within 10 days of starting to work with you. The aim of the family meeting is to bring you, your children and any other family or friends that are important to your family to think together about the key issues and plan actions to address them. The family meeting can be revisited at different points of the Social Worker's involvement with your family. The first family meeting does not need to include the wider family or friends at that stage as it may be helpful to initially meet with you as parents and with the child/children.