

Cross Border Guidance on CAF

In recent weeks we have had a couple of enquiries about cross border CAFs, e.g. families with current CAF involvement moving from one authority to another and how best to continue to support the family.

Current Developments.

We, in Bradford, have had two families move from another authority to our area in the past few weeks. The other authority's Integrated Working manager contacted us with information that there is current CAF involvement with the families and it would be helpful for them to continue to receive support for their identified needs.

In order for the one authority to pass on any CAF involvement to another authority they have to obtain the consent of the families. The referring authority is currently trying to do this. Bradford, in the meantime, may well pick up the originating concerns with the families around additional needs and ask for consent to access the previous CAFs. They would then contact the relevant authority and Lead Practitioner/Lead Professional for access to previous CAF involvement.

This matter will be raised at the next (CAF and ContactPoint) regional network meeting to agree a common protocol for cross border CAFs.

Current arrangements.

If a family move to our area from another authority and have had previous CAF involvement we can continue to support the family with their consent and obtain permission to access a previously completed CAF.

Similarly, another local authority can contact us with the information that a family with previous CAF involvement have moved to our area and have given their consent for continued involvement. They would forward a copy of the completed CAF.

If a family with CAF involvement moves from our area to another area we would obtain the consent of the family to pass on relevant information.

If the family move without informing us and the receiving authority pick up additional needs, they can contact us, with the family's consent, to access a previously completed CAF.

Once a decision is reached about either working with an existing CAF or starting a new one, follow CAF Practice Guidance process for REGISTERING A CAF WITH THE CAF TEAM, Tel: 01274 437902.

For all CAF forms and Integrated Working Guidance, go to:

www.bradford.gov.uk/integratedworking

For the CAF Helpdesk; 01274 437902 or 437685

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