

What's in it for children and families?

The Common Assessment aims to:

- tackle problems before they become serious
- identify solutions and strengths within families and children
- bring together professionals to help a family in a coordinated way through an agreed action plan
- work towards better outcomes for children by considering all areas of a child's needs



If you have any queries please contact:-

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Transformation Services
Services to Children & Young People
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- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Community and Voluntary Sector
- Bradford and Airedale Teaching Primary Care Trust and Bradford Hospital Trusts
- Education Bradford
- Careers Bradford
- Youth Offending Team
- Learning and Skills Council



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Common Assessment

For Parents, Carers, Children and Young People in the Bradford District

What is Common Assessment?

We all want better lives for children and young people. Most do well. Some don't. Some don't get help until things are really difficult. We want to identify and help such children before things reach crisis point. An important way of doing this is for every person whose job involves working with babies, children and young people to look at their general well being and be prepared to help.

The Common Assessment is one way to help people to do this. It is a way to find out what a child and family's needs are and to plan with a family how to meet those needs. The assessment may lead to more involvement from the person completing the assessment with you. Or it may lead to asking

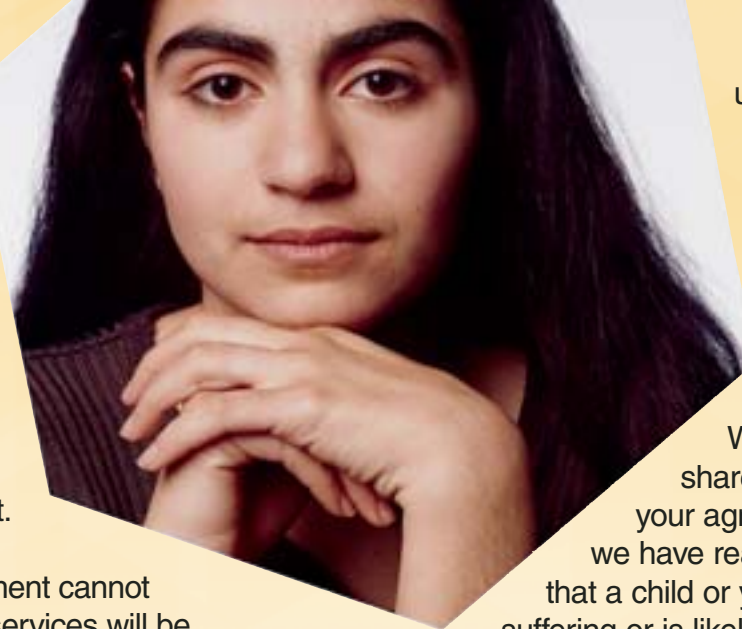


other professionals to help. Where more than one professional is involved, one of them will take the lead and be your main contact. This Lead Practitioner will review how well things are going and update the assessment.

The Common Assessment cannot offer a guarantee that services will be delivered. Services will focus on those with the greatest need. If you are concerned that your needs are not being met, you can discuss this with the professionals involved.

What is Consent?

The Common Assessment is a process that should be undertaken with the consent of parents, carers and young people. This means you should be asked if you want a Common Assessment to be



undertaken and be asked about sharing the findings of the Common Assessment with other professionals who may be able to help.

We can only share information with your agreement, unless we have reason for believing that a child or young person is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm. If this occurs we are obliged to share the information with colleagues responsible for safeguarding children.

You will receive a copy of the completed Common Assessment. Keep it safe; it may be helpful for you to share it with those who are supporting you.

