

**NHS BOLTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**  
**Public Board Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** .....13.....

**Date of Meeting:** .....8<sup>th</sup> October 2021.....

<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	New Children’s Safeguarding Arrangements in Bolton	
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Christine Dixon	
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Christine Dixon	
<b>PURPOSE OF PAPER: (Linking to Strategic Objectives)</b>	To present to the Board the new Safeguarding Arrangements in Bolton	
<b>LINKS TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES (tick relevant boxes):</b>	<b>Deliver Year 3 of the Bolton Locality Plan.</b>	
	<b>Ensure compliance with the NHS statutory duties and NHS Constitution.</b>	√
	<b>Deliver financial balance.</b>	
	<b>Regulatory Requirement.</b>	
	<b>Standing Item.</b>	
<b>RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: (Please be clear if decision required, or for noting)</b>	The Board is asked to note the content for information	
<b>COMMITTEES/GROUPS PREVIOUSLY CONSULTED:</b>	CCG Executive Team	
<b>REVIEW OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:</b>	None	
<b>VIEW OF THE PATIENTS, CARERS OR THE PUBLIC, AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT:</b>	Not considered necessary for this report.	
<b>OUTCOME OF EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND ANY ASSOCIATED RISKS:</b>	Not considered necessary for this report	

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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

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**Decision required by the CCG Board:** This is for information only.

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## Introduction

In Bolton there are a number of new safeguarding developments which will impact on the whole partnership including health partners. This paper outlines these key changes.

### 1. Thresholds document – Bolton’s Framework for Action

According to Working Together (2018 page 17) the local safeguarding partners should publish a threshold document, which sets out the local criteria for action in a way that is transparent, accessible and easily understood.

In July 2021 Bolton launched its revised Framework for Action which includes a new model for continuum of need which has a greater focus on prevention.

The full document can be accessed here:

<https://www.boltonsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/downloads/file/36/framework-for-action#:~:text=The%20Bolton%20Framework%20for%20Action,with%20children%20and%20their%20parents>

### Help and support continuum

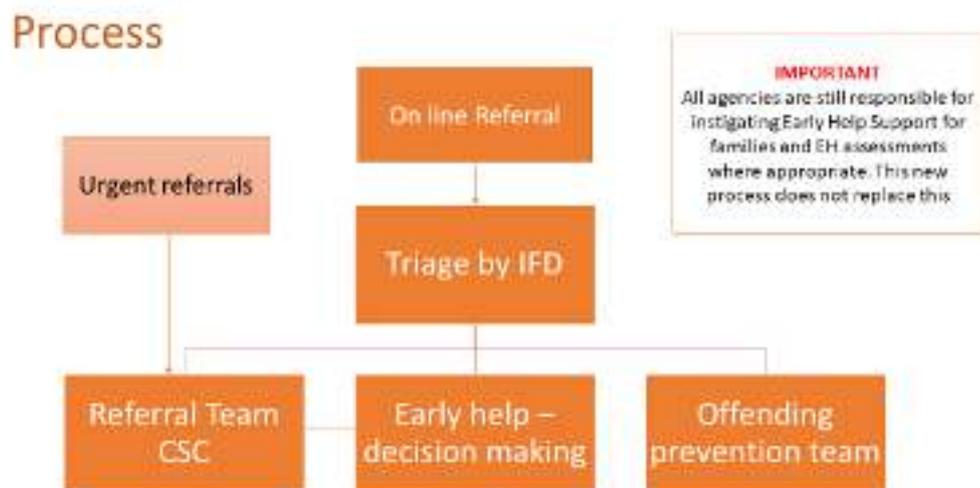


Level	Descriptor
Universal	I am thriving, my needs are consistently met as my family, or the universal services I access keep me safe, promote my welfare and help me achieve my potential
Prevention	I need some extra help from those already helping to keep me safe, promote my welfare and help me achieve my potential
Early Help	I or my family need co-ordinated help to be safe, promote my welfare and achieve my potential
Targeted Early Help	I or my family have complex needs and need different services to work together to keep me safe, promote my welfare and help me achieve my potential
Statutory Help	I am a child in need or in need of being protected from neglect or physical, sexual or emotional abuse; I need help from a social worker to keep me safe, promote my welfare and achieve my potential

## 2. Integrated Front Door

- There is a new single referral pathway via an integrated front door (IFD)
- This will ensure the triage of all referrals by permanent social work referral team and their multi – disciplinary partners
- The team will sit alongside the Early Help Access Point who will act as a pathway navigator and provide advice, information and guidance in relation to early help
- The aim is to ensure consistent application of the new thresholds

The diagram below highlights how this team will work:



### 3. Referrals and Advice and Guidance

Referrals to children's social care are now being managed in a different way

- If there are concerns that a child is at risk of significant harm or is in need of protection a telephone referral may be made. Tel: 01204 – 331500
- For requests for children's services support (that are not immediate safeguarding or significant harm concerns) an online referral form must be completed – this is a new process for Bolton <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/xfp/form/197> \*\*\*
- Practitioners must now complete a request form in order to access specific information from children's services <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/safeguarding-protecting-children/reporting-child-abuse/1>
- Staff may also call 01204 331501 or email [earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@bolton.gov.uk) for advice guidance or support with respect to Early Help
- The MASSS Health Practitioner remains in post to support health staff around referrals to Children's Social Care

\*\*\* Note: There have been some initial hiccups with the on line referral form timing out after 10 minutes. Until this is resolved the referral should be completed as a word doc. Both the word doc and link to upload the form are available on <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/safeguarding-protecting-children/reporting-child-abuse/1>