

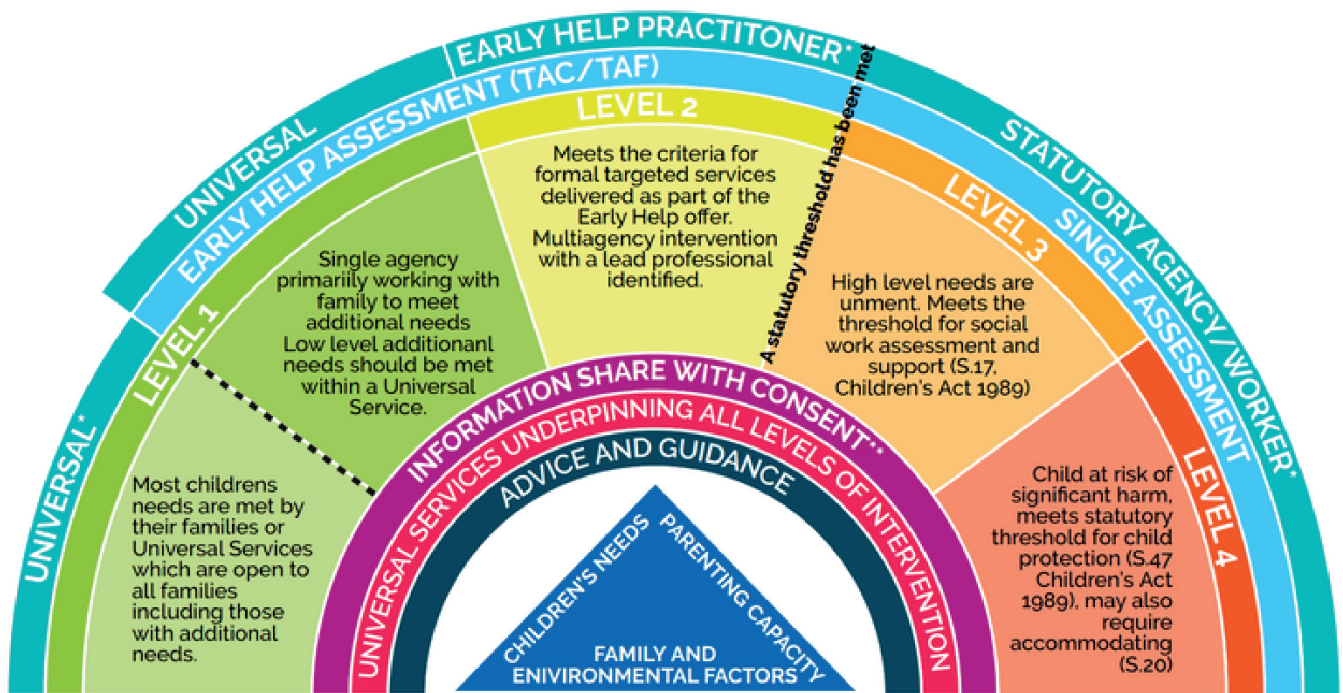
Guide to the Social Inclusion Panel for professionals

The Social Inclusion Panel (SIP) is part of the Early Help offer to children and families in Tower Hamlets. It is a multi-disciplinary panel with the remit of trying to reduce social exclusion.

The membership includes a broad range of partners including professionals from Health, Schools, Voluntary Sector and Children's

Services to provide complex cases with advice, a co-ordinated oversight and monitoring.

It provides the multi-agency overview, challenge and monitoring for complex cases at level 2 and cases at the borderline of Level 2/3. The panel is currently managed within the Early Help Service.



LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
1	Universal Services Should be met with services provided in universal settings to address low level additional needs.
2	Targeted Early Help Services Which meet the criteria for more formal targeted services delivered as part of the early help offer; multi-agency intervention, a lead professional and a Team Around the Family approach in addition to support in universal services.
3	Child in Need Which meet the threshold for social work assessment and support under S.17 of the Children Act 1989 (children in need), in addition to services in universal settings and by targeted services.
4	Children Protection Which meet the threshold for statutory child protection by social work teams delivered under S.47 of the Children Act 1989, in addition to provision in universal settings and by targeted services. This may also include children subject to a Care Order or children looked after under S.20 (duty to accommodate) of the Children Act 1989.

Aims and objectives of the Social Inclusion Panel for cases referred:

- To provide effective Early Help for cases at the borderline of Level 2/3.
 - To ensure that families receive appropriate services from:
 - Education, Health, Social Care, and Youth services and others at Levels 1 & 2
 - To reduce offending, re-offending, anti-social behaviour, non-attendance and exclusion.
 - To reduce NEET figures post-16
 - To potentially access targeted service where resources might otherwise be limited or restricted
 - To provide advice, guidance and support to Lead Professionals.
 - To provide continuous monitoring and review of outcomes for individual cases and cohorts
 - To identify any gaps in provision and take steps to address these.
 - To hold statutory bodies and agencies accountable for delivering services.
 - To identify models of good practice in multi-agency case work that can be disseminated.
- SIP will consider cases where there is risk of any of the above.**

The agencies that contribute to the Social Inclusion Panel

- Support for Learning Service
- Early Help IT
- Behaviour and Attendance Support Service
- Parent and Family Support Service
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Education Psychology
- School Nurse Service
- Young Workpath
- Youth Justice Team
- Early Help Family Support
- Children and Family Centres
- Children's Social Care (MAST)
- Early Help Hub (part of MAST)

Cases which must come to the Social Inclusion Panel

All medical cases where there is a request for home tuition, including mental health difficulties (with the exception of children with an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) for whom the request is through the SEN Panel) and cases where court action for non-attendance is requested.

Referral information

Referrals are made on a finalised Early Help Assessment and a Lead Professional needs to have been identified. The Panel may accept, decline or defer referrals, according to information provided in the request.

Consent

The Social Inclusion Panel requires consent from the family and or child/young person and therefore (with the exception of decisions for court action for non-attendance) all proposed actions must have been discussed with the family and agreed to.

Panel decisions and recommendations
Within 24 hours of the meeting, the panel will inform the professionals known to be involved of its decisions and recommendations.

Reviews

The Social Inclusion Panel will set a date for the case to be reviewed (within 3 months). The Lead Professional will be responsible for providing an updated review by the deadline of that panel (5 days before the panel date). Late submissions will not be heard by the panel.

Signposting for further information

Early Help information links

Early Help link

Early Help and Children and Family Service (towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Early Help Assessments

Early Help Assessment (eEHA) Early Help Assessment (eEHA)
(towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Early Help Enquiry Form

Enquiry for Early Help - Tower Hamlets - forms

Other links

London Safeguarding Children Procedures

Threshold Document: Continuum of Help and Support

(londonsafeguardingchildrenprocedures.co.uk)

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