

What is a Lead Professional ?

The Lead Professional is the named professional, who has been identified as the person that will be your family's main point of contact throughout the TAF process.

The Lead Professional will be a professional that your family is already working with, such as a teacher, school nurse, or a CAMHS worker.

The Lead Professional will provide your family with advice, support, and guidance throughout the process.

The Lead Professional will work closely with the other agencies involved, to develop your Family Action Plan and coordinate the support needed.



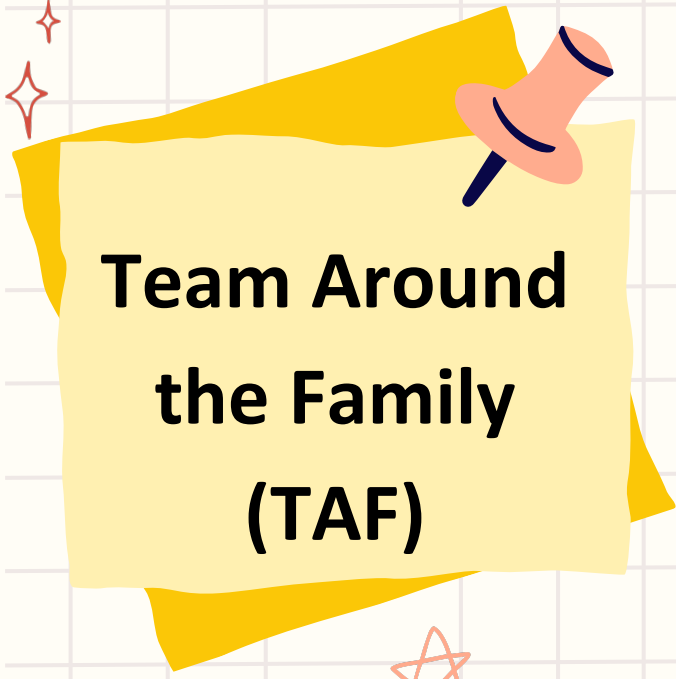
Referral Process

If you are not receiving any support from the Children and Family Community Services, then you can self refer for support by completing the Multi Agency Referral Form (MARF) via the Multi Agency Support Hub

Or you can ask an agency who you are working with to make a referral on your behalf, such as school, school nurse, GP, CAMHS.

If you are currently gaining support from a Social Worker and you are Stepping-Down to TAF, your Social Worker will discuss the transition from your current support plan to TAF to ensure this goes smoothly.

Please note that Early Help Support, including TAF is completely voluntary.



Team Around the Family (TAF)

Designed to encompass the needs of the family as a whole

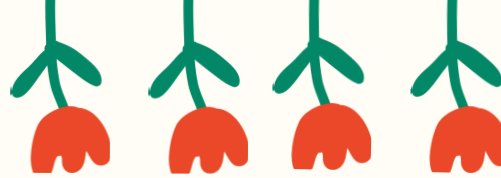
WHAT IS TAF?

Team Around the Family, also known as 'TAF' is a meeting between a child, young person, their family, and the group of professionals who are working with them.

The purpose of the Team Around the Family meetings are to share information and to create a solution focused action plan, that will support the needs of the child and their family.

The family's voice should be at the centre of all discussions and decisions.

TAF meetings do not need to be formal, and your Lead Professional will discuss everything with you beforehand to ensure that you are comfortable.



Many families will need additional support throughout their child's development, and some families will need the support they receive from professionals to be coordinated.

This can be achieved by TAF.



FAQ'S



Q: How will a TAF support your family?

A: The TAF process will be beneficial to your family by providing you with co-ordinated multi-agency support to meet all identified needs

Q: How often do TAF meetings occur?

A: TAF meetings are held every 6-12 weeks, but this can be adjusted to meet the needs of your family

Q: Will a social worker be allocated to my Family?

A: No, as the Team Around the Family approach sits within Early Help, there is no need for a Social Worker. Instead, your family will be allocated an Early Intervention Practitioner, or a Lead Professional.

Q: Do I, as a parent/carer need to attend each TAF meeting?

A: Yes. You as the family play a key part in the TAF process. TAF meetings provide your family with the opportunity to have your voice heard and allow you to contribute towards the action plan.

Q: What happens if my child/young person does not want me as their parent/carer to be involved?

A: Your child can choose not to have their family at TAF meetings if the Lead Professional thinks they are able to make that decision. This is called 'Gillick Competence.'