



Referrals

If you are a professional, referring a child and family for targeted early help support, please complete the Multi-Agency Referral Form (MARF) and email it back to us.

If you need advice about the threshold of support needed for a child and their family, please get in contact with our Front Door team.

Guidance can also be found on the Slough Safeguarding Partnership's website:

https://www.sloughsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/assets/1/when_a_child_needs_help.pdf

Contact us



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Early help

A guide for professionals



About our early help approach

The provision of early help is an approach which relies upon organisations and agencies working together to provide the right support at the right time to children, young people and families.

The delivery of our early help offer includes local authority services (education, housing, social care), health services, police, community, voluntary sector organisations and faith groups working alongside children, young people and families to improve their situations and build a positive future.

All levels of support prior to statutory and specialist services make up our early help offer:



Slough's Early Help Strategy for 2023-2025 aims to provide a clearer pathway for all professionals to follow and exhaust the levels of universal and additional support needed, before a child and their family find themselves needing targeted or specialist interventions.

Types of early help support

Universal support – Delivered within the community, the basic provision of services available to all children, young people and families, enabling self-access and meeting general needs e.g., school education, GP, maternity care, etc.

Additional support – Led by professionals within the community, to address needs that demand more than the support of universal services or a single agency, requiring collaboration and a plan of support to prevent a situation getting worse e.g., school attendance issues, housing issues, low mood.

Support for partner agencies providing additional support to children, young people and their families is available through early help surgeries and the Early Help Champions Forum

Access Slough's early help toolkit for professionals online:
<https://padlet.com/SloughEarlyHelp/slough-s-eh-community-offer-for-children-na1rmyalhcp9y0h1>

Targeted support – Additional support through a plan developed as part of a Team Around the Child and their family process doesn't improve the situation and/or complex and multiple needs require an early help assessment and multiple agency response via an intensive support plan.

Referrals to the targeted early help service are made via Slough Children First's Front Door. Please send a completed Multi-Agency Referral Form (MARF) to sloughchildren.referrals@sloughchildrenfirst.co.uk

If you need some advice about the threshold of support needed for a child and their family, you can call the Front Door Service for a consultation and advice on: 01753 875362.

Please also see <https://www.sloughsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/scsp/scsp/professionals/when-a-child-needs-help> for more information.