

Pre-EHAT (EARLY HELP ASSESSMENT TOOL) and Young Carers Assessment Half Day Awareness Raising Sessions for Multi Agency Providers

Dear Colleague

Multi agency providers are invited to attend the **Pre-EHAT and Young Carers Assessment session**.

Attendance at one of these sessions is imperative in order for Liverpool to develop and embed a strong Early Help programme of support for families who will benefit from multi-agency partnerships, and prevent concerns escalating to more serious levels of need or neglect.

In addition, the session will explore the changes brought about from The Care Act and Children and Families Act, making it easier for young carers to get an assessment of their needs and introducing whole family approaches to assessment and support. Under both Acts whereby local authorities must offer an assessment where it appears that a child is providing care.

To ensure young carers and their families are provided with an effective service from both adult and children's services that avoids the need for multiple assessments Barnardo's has been commissioned to undertake statutory young carer assessments on behalf of Liverpool City Council. The session will ensure practitioners understand how to use the pre-EHAT to identify children and young people with additional needs (including young carers) and how caring is negatively impacting on them, then 'request a young carers assessment' from Barnardo's via the Early Help Hub.

As these sessions will have the greatest impact from multi agency and adults social care services participation, you are asked to nominate staff to attend one of the half day sessions taking place in **July and August 2018**. This will help to embed strong partnership working and understanding of Agency/Service support across the whole of the workforce in Liverpool:

Sessions are targeted at practitioners who will have the responsibility for completing a Pre-EHAT with the aim to develop the participant's awareness of the Early Help Assessment Framework. The session will provide an opportunity for the multi-agency and Adult Social Care workforce to explore and develop skills in the key aspects of the Liverpool Early Help Assessment and Young Carers Assessment process-

The session objectives:

- Identifying families at risk at an early stage, gaining their engagement and consent to initiate a full EHAT with the most appropriate agency
- Awareness of the entire Early Help Assessment process
- Being involved, where necessary, in Team around the Family meetings
- Awareness of the Young Carers Assessment process including how to request an assessment

Dates and venues

Wednesday 25th July 2018 - AM session (9.30am – 12.30pm) at **Communiversy - L11 OBS**

Wednesday 25th July 2018 - PM session (1.30pm – 4.30pm) at **Communiversy - L11 OBS**

Thursday 9th August 2018 - AM Session (9.30am – 12.30pm) at **Bridge Chapel – L19 4XR**

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All bookings are to be made on the Early Help Directory, Workforce Development Event Booking System, http://ehd.liverpool.gov.uk/kb5/liverpool/fsd/workforce_development.page

Click on multi- agency and search for Young Carers