

Family First Partnership

Hillingdon's journey
so far

Case for Reform

The case for reform



The Competition and Markets Authority study into Children's Social Care Placements

March 2022



National Review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson

May 2022



Safeguarding Children with Complex Health Needs in residential Settings.

April 2023



The Independent Review of Children's Social Care

May 2022



The Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

October 2022

Prevent.

1

Children should remain with their families and supported to thrive and be safely prevented from entering the care system wherever possible.

Support.

2

Where children cannot remain at home, we should support children to live with kinship carers or in fostering families. We will also improve support for care leavers.

Fix the market.

3

Placements for children in care should be first and foremost, homes for young people to live in and we must bring a swift end to excessive profit making.

Key enablers.

4

Investing in key enablers which underpin the system – workforce, better data & information sharing, evidence-based programmes and the National Framework.

The Families First Partnership Programme

A national programme run by DfE

Over £500m funding ringfenced for preventative services

Implementing three key reform strands

Incorporates two previous DfE programmes

Implementation support

Families First Partnership Programme

Children's Social Care Prevention Grant
£270m of new funding

Children and Families Grant £253.5m
(previously supporting families)

Family Help

Family Networks

Multi-agency child protection

System enablers (ie. practice, information sharing, data and digital)

Supporting Families Programme

Families First for Children Pathfinder Programme

DfE
Knowledge Hub
Learning from pathfinders
Quarterly monitoring meetings

LiiA / London Councils
Pathfinder webinars
Regional ALDCS meetings
Regional engagement lead

Stronger Families and Protection

Multi-agency child protection team
(including Stronger Families hub)

Out of hours

New beginnings

Family hubs

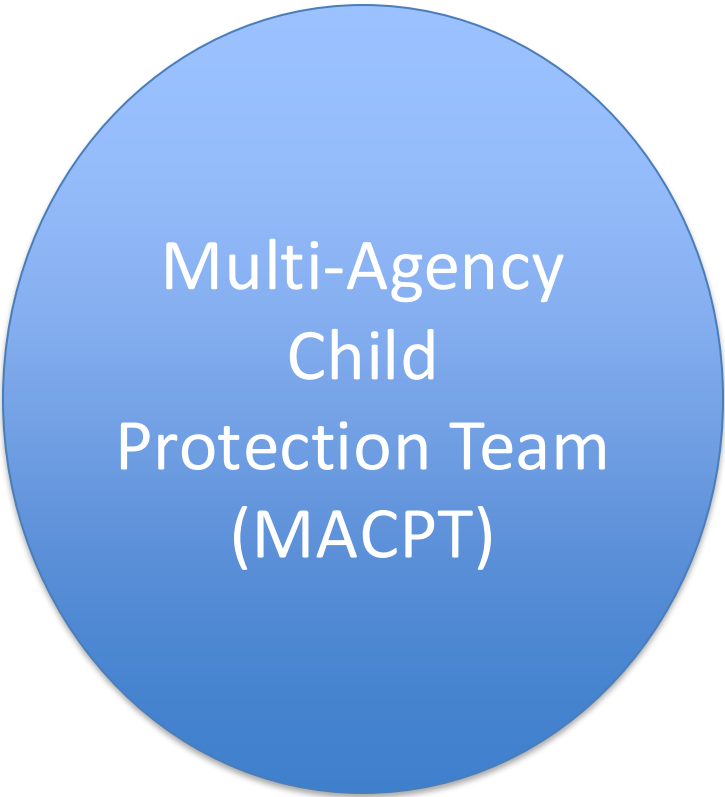
Adolescents Service

Youth offer
(Universal,
Targeted,
Community &
Voluntary)

Axis

Youth
justice
service

Adolescents
social work
team



Multi-Agency Child Protection Team (MACPT)

- ✓ Building on established relationship & ways of working
 - ✓ Good multi-agency investment
 - ✓ Decision making focussed on impact on the child
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- Co-location
 - New duty rota with Key Workers & Social Workers supporting
 - Awaiting update of London Threshold document
 - Development of strategy & Policies

Development of multi-agency
child protection team
& Stronger Families Hub

Health
Police
Education
Housing
Adults
Youth offer
HDASS

Lead Child Protection Practitioners

Screening
contacts

Chairing new
Strategy meetings

Lead S47's
Jointly with Family
help SW

Chair Initial Child
Protection Case
Conferences

Chair strategy
meetings on open
referrals

Chair review Child
Protection Case
Conferences

New Beginnings

Priority cohort 1 - Expectant parents requiring intensive support due to a history of **care proceedings** and the removal of children from their care.

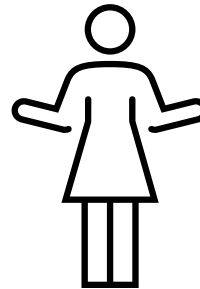
Priority cohort 2 - Potential parents who require a high level of support due to their previous experience of adversity such as

- Those who have previously had experience of care proceedings
- Those who are care experienced
- Those facing significant adversity or trauma

Priority cohort 3 - Expectant parents requiring targeted support as part of a **universal early help offer**

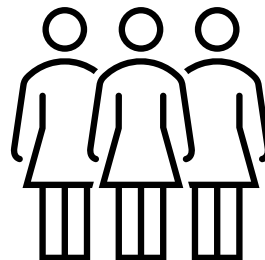
Referral via the Stronger Families Hub Portal

Co -
production



121
support

Group
work



Trauma
informed

Parent/Carer Programmes in Hillingdon

All courses are free and led by qualified and trained practitioners.



Your Bump and Beyond (YBB)

Overview

For parents to be, after your first scan.
Get ready for parenthood with friendly workshops led by a midwife and the Family Hub team—covering labour, baby care, safer sleep, and more.

Detail

In person.
2-hour workshops, over 4 sessions.

How to book

Call 01895 279 442 or visit: thh.nhs.uk/antenatal-classes



The Nurturing Programme

Overview

For parents/carers of children aged 0 to 8 years.
Learn practical tips for managing behaviour, using praise, enjoying quality time, and boosting your child's self-esteem.

Detail

In person (with crèche) or online
Weekly 2-hour sessions over 10 weeks.

How to book

Contact your local Family Hub or Children's Centre www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs



Exploring Parenting Together

Overview

For parents/carers of children aged 0 to 8 years.
Gain tips on behaviour, praise, quality time & self-esteem, through interactive sessions.

Detail

Online
Weekly 90-minute sessions over 5 weeks

How to book

Contact your local Family Hub or Children's Centre www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hubs



Triple P Group

Overview

For parents/carers of children aged 5 to 11 years.
Discover simple, positive parenting strategies to support your child's behaviour, build good habits, and grow your confidence.

Detail

In person and online.
Weekly 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks.

How to book

Contact: Annmarie at Family Lives on 07949 890749 or email annmarief@familylives.org.uk



Triple P for Teens

Overview

For parents/carers of children aged 12 to 16 years.
Build strong relationships with your teen while learning to encourage positive behaviour, manage challenges, and offer support through tricky situations.

Detail

In person and online.
Weekly 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks.

How to book

Contact: Annmarie at Family Lives on 07949 890 749 or email annmarief@familylives.org.uk



Parenting Apart Programme (PAP)

Overview

Support for parents navigating conflict, separation, or divorce.
This programme supports parents to create an agreement that is focused on the child(ren)'s emotional wellbeing. Both parents must agree to join the programme.

Detail

In person and online options available.
4-week programme.

How to book

Visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families or call 01895 556006.



Triple P Stepping Stones

Overview

For parents/carers of children aged 5-11 who are neurodivergent. Learn simple strategies to support your child's development, set meaningful goals, and boost their independence — while growing your confidence as a parent.

Detail

In person and online
Weekly 2-hour sessions over 8 weeks.

How to book

Contact: Annmarie at Family Lives on 07949 890749 or email: annmarief@familylives.org.uk



Early Bird

Overview

For parents and carers of children aged 2 to 6 with/or awaiting a diagnosis of autism. Gain insights into autism, improve communication and better understand your child's behaviour.

Detail

In person (with crèche) or online
Weekly 2-hour sessions over 6 weeks.

How to book

Please complete the application for the Early Bird programme: [National Autistic Society Early Bird Parent Programme-Hillingdon waiting list](#)



Cygnets

Overview

For parents and carers of children aged 5 to 18 with/or awaiting a diagnosis of autism. Connect, share, and learn in friendly sessions covering autism, sensory needs, social skills, and positive behaviour strategies.

Detail

In person and/or online
Weekly 3-hour sessions over 6 weeks.

How to book

The Cygnets programme is now being offered by the SEND Advisory Service within participating schools. If you are interested in attending, please look out for adverts at your child's school. Alternatively, please register your interest for Cygnets here: [Cygnets Registration of Interest](#)

Workshops

For parents/carers of 0 to 5s, please view our online timetable, available both during the day and in the evening to fit your schedule. Sessions cover helpful topics such as toilet training, fussy eating, behaviour strategies, sleep tips, and support for starting nursery or school. Visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/family-hub

For parents/carers of children with SEND, please, workshops are delivered by the SEND Advisory Service (SAS) within participating schools. If you are interested in attending, please look out for adverts at your child's school.

For more information on parenting support available, including one to one support, please visit the care and support directory [Children, young people and parents](#)



Youth Offer

Activities, programmes and support services for children and young people aged 8 to 24-years-old in Hillingdon.

For the latest news from the Hillingdon Youth Offer, follow us on [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) or email youthoffer@hillingsdon.gov.uk.



Universal programmes

For 8 to 19-year-olds and (up to 24-year-olds with mild to moderate special educational needs and disabilities).



Targeted programmes

For 8 to 24-year-olds who may benefit from additional targeted support. Provided on a referral and self-referral basis.



Specialist and accredited programmes

We offer a variety of physical and educational programmes in various locations across the borough.



Detached and outreach team

Find us at your local town centres, parks, bus stations, estates, and open spaces.



Community and voluntary team

Find opportunities across the borough provided by our community, voluntary, and faith sector partners.



Care and support services

Use our service directory to find local activities for children, young people and families.

Family help

Stronger families
key workers



First response
social workers



Children
social work
teams

Early help
assessment
& plans

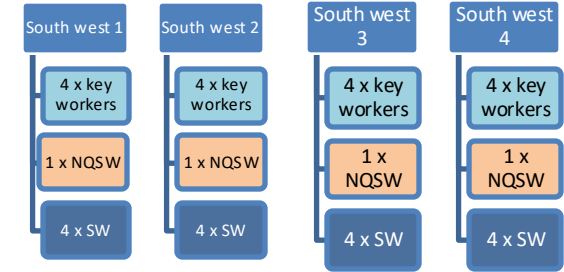
C&F assessments
& S47's

CIN plans &
CP plans

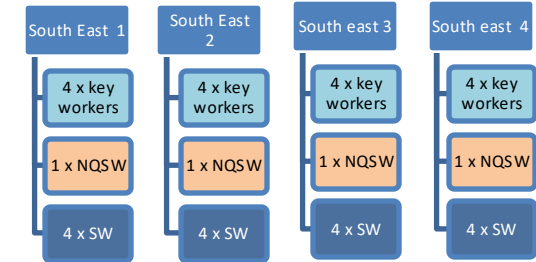
Family
help
service

*Development of
Family Help Assessment
Family Help plans
S47's & Child Protection
plans*

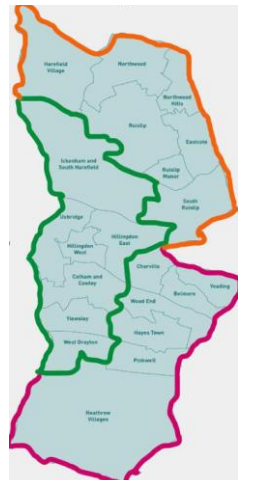
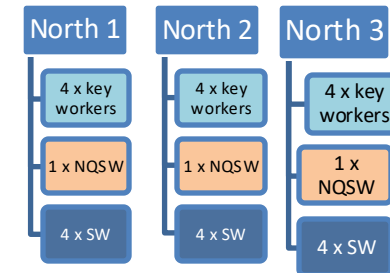
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West



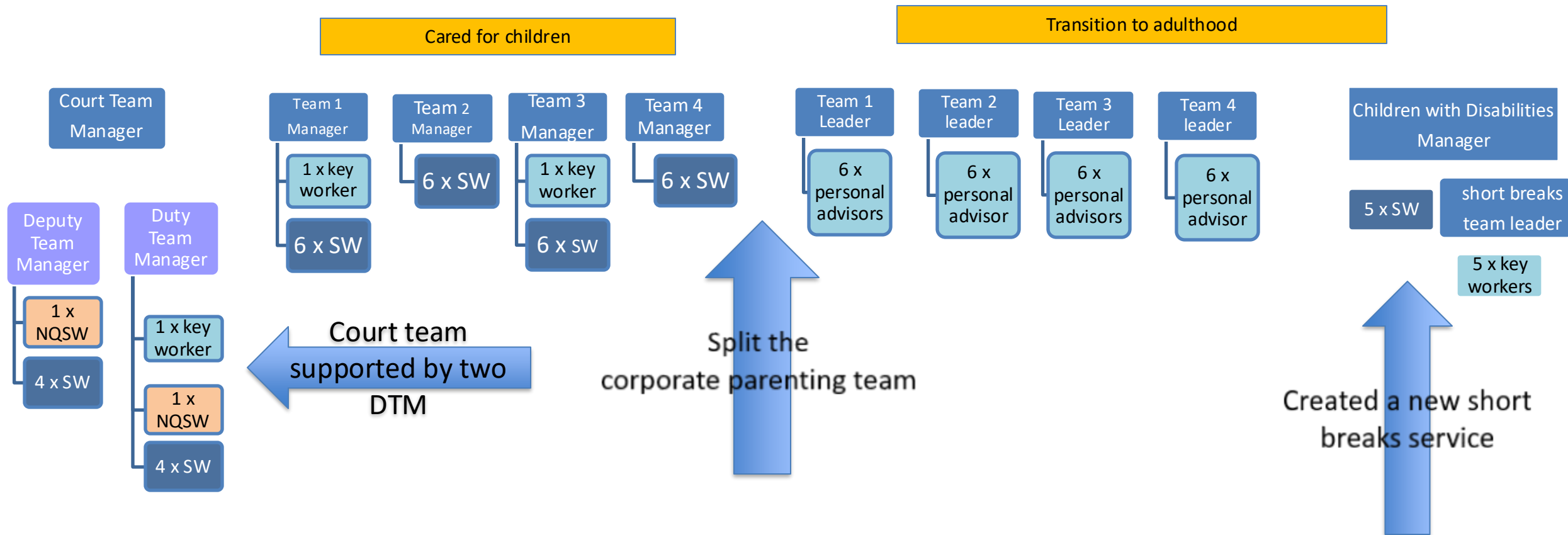
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East

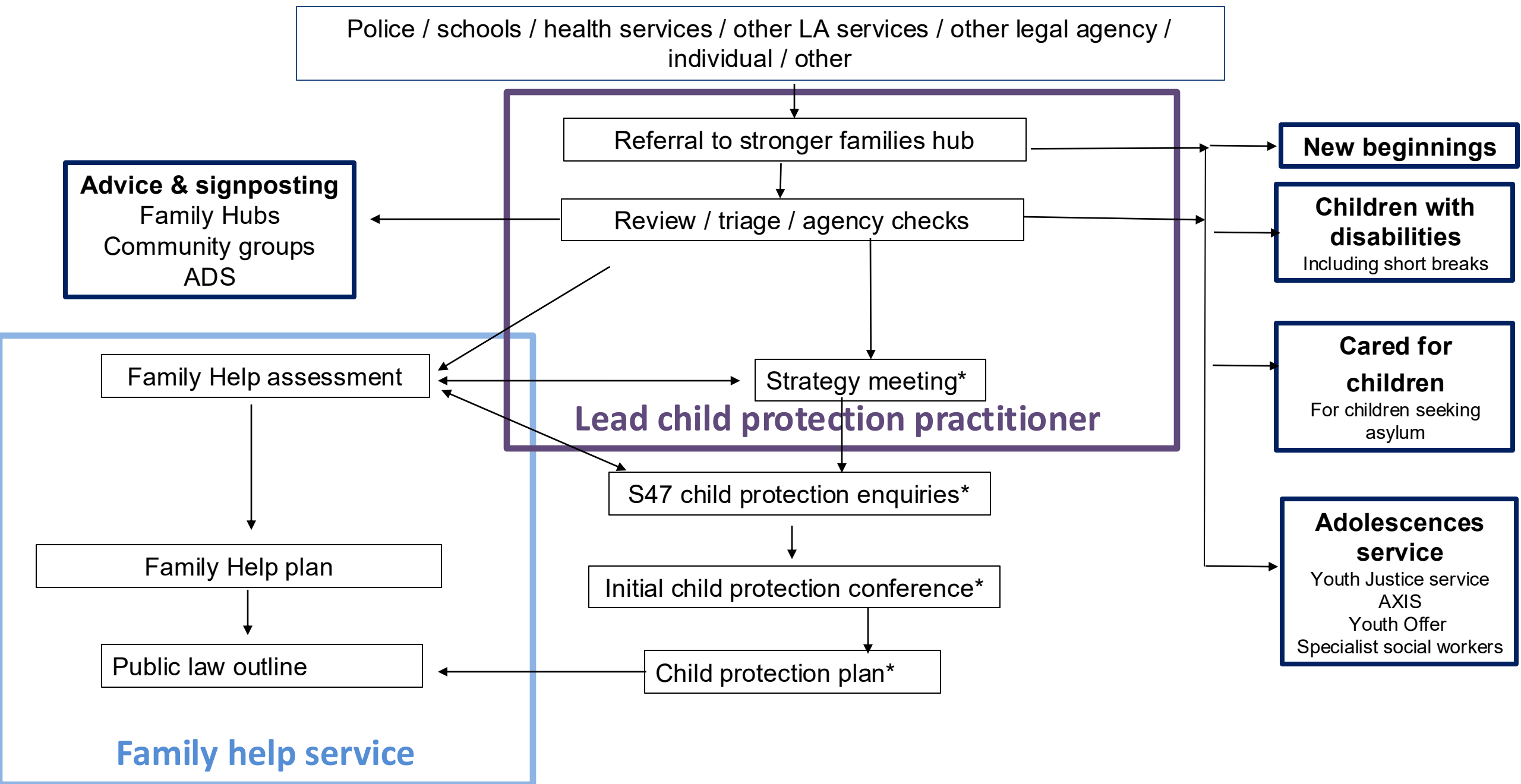


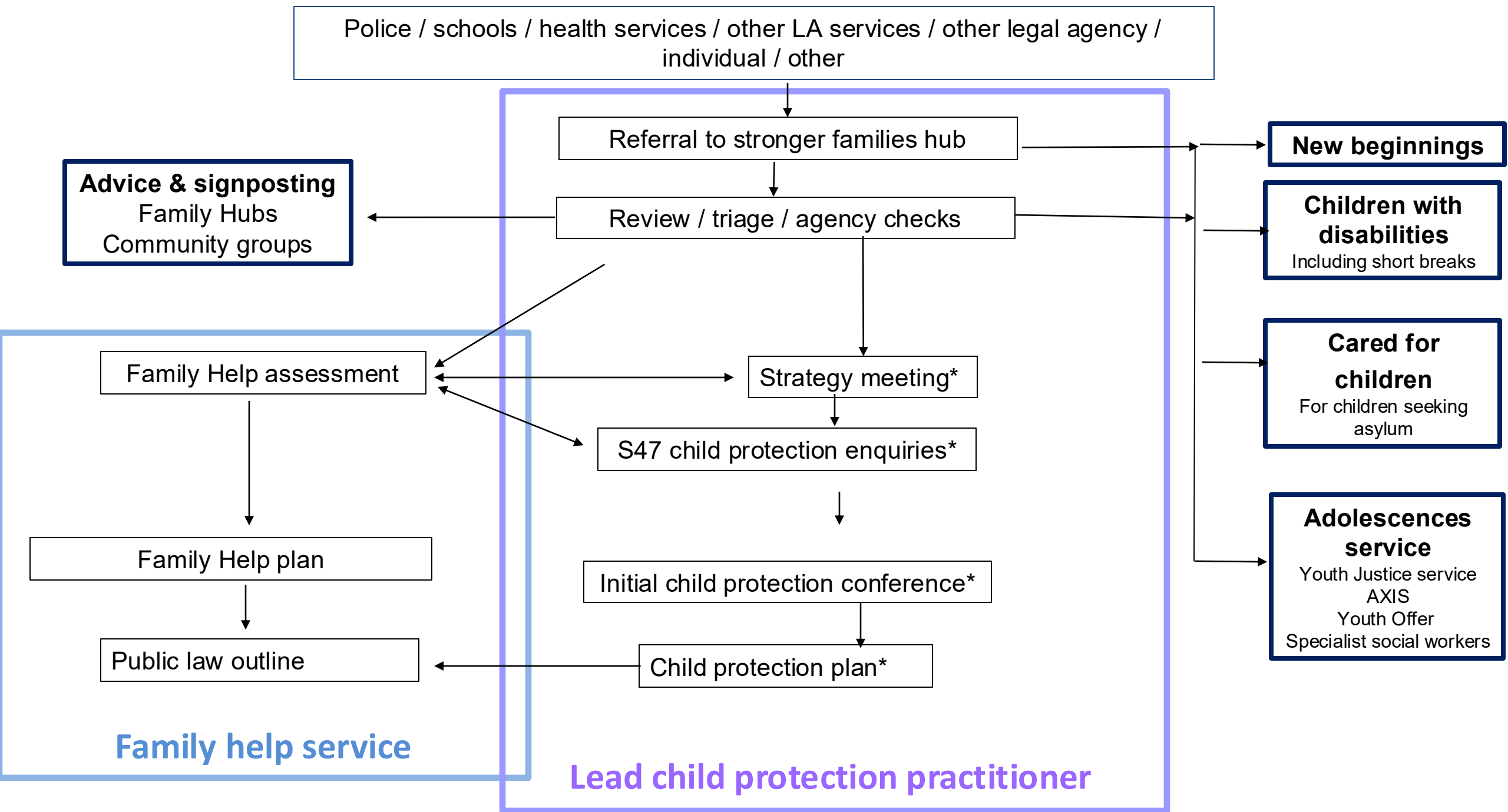
North



Care support & specialist services







Court proceedings

Court team

Looked after child (including UASC)

Cared for children team

(Corporate parenting team)

Care experienced

Transition to adulthood team

(Corporate parenting team)

- The welfare of the child is paramount
- No order principal
- Parents do not “loose” PR – its is shared

Key messages

- Partner agencies will continue to refer into Children's Services using the established **Stronger Families Portal**.
- All child protection referrals should be made by telephone on 01895 556006. The details of the safeguarding concern must be confirmed in writing, as a matter of urgency, the same day. This is achieved by completing the [early help assessment](#).
- All contacts & referrals will continue to be reviewed by the Stronger Families Hub
- Key workers and social workers will continue supporting the children they are currently working with, bringing their caseload to their new team.
- We are in transition – new ways of working

- We are committed to working **with** families—not just **for** them.
- Choose how you'd like to take part—whether through a one-off phone call / meeting or by joining our **Parent Consultation Group**, led by **Helen Smith**, Head of Transformation for Social Care Delivery.
- A safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for open discussion.
- Honest and transparent communication to ensure **you** feel comfortable sharing your views.
- Meetings arranged at convenient times, with options to join in person (likely at Uxbridge Family Hub) or online via Microsoft Teams.
- A two-way process where you will be encouraged to actively participate and influence planning and decision-making.
- Your personal and individual feedback will directly improve service development levels.
- Timely updates will be sent on the outcomes of consultations, including how your views have been considered.
- Participation is entirely voluntary—you decide how much or how little you would like to be involved.
- The group will focus on identifying themes for service improvement, rather than commenting on individual staff members.

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**Parents
Forum**