

## Circle of Support – Question Prompts for Parents and Carers

How would you like your Early Help Assessment shared back with you?  
Would you like a copy?

### 4 Questions:

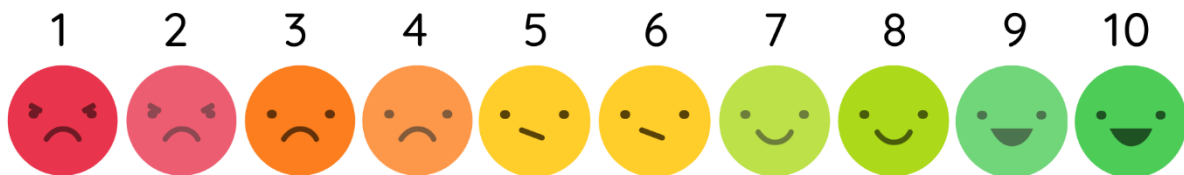
1. What is going well?



2. What are we worried about?

3. What support is currently in place?

4. What needs to happen?



### Good Education

Questions;

- ♥ Do your children enjoy school?
- ♥ What school do they attend?
- ♥ Are you involved with school – parents' evenings etc.?
- ♥ Are your children attending school regularly, what is their attendance?
- ♥ What are the reasons why your children are not attending school?
- ♥ Have you ever been involved with EWO or had a fine for your children not attending school?
- ♥ Have any of your children ever had a fixed term exclusion?
- ♥ Have any of your children ever been permanently excluded? If so, tell me what happened?
- ♥ Is your child accessing SEN Support? Does your child have an EHCP?
- ♥ If your child is Electively home educated, what support do you get with this?
- ♥ Is your child engaging with their lessons?

- ♥ Has your child been visited in school by any external professionals such as an educational psychologist, Spectra, Woodlands outreach, Cornerstone advisory teacher? If so, did you receive a report?
- ♥ Do you know if your child is on the SEN register? Do they have a Pupil Centred Plan or IEP? Do you meet regularly with school to discuss the support they get and the progress they are making?
- ♥ Do you know if your child gets Pupil Premium at school?

\*Either excluded if not going back or suspended if fixed time out - terminology changed in last DfE guidance - alongside this we need to know if this was done officially with parent called, letter, school provided work and suspension will be followed by a back-to-school meeting or if it was a go home/ come pick up and no process followed. Second is a grey exclusion and against the law, we would need to inform the Access team.



## Early Years Development

Questions;

- ♥ Are you attending your appointments with the midwife?
- ♥ Are you eligible for Heathy Start? Have you applied for Healthy Start?
- ♥ Are your children up to date with their immunisations and health checks?
- ♥ Are you worried about your child's development e.g., speech and language/ communication skills, problem solving, school readiness or their personal and social development?
- ♥ Is your two-year-old eligible for 15 hours free early years education? Have they taken up their free place? If so, which setting / provider do they attend?
- ♥ Does your three/four-year-old attend nursery or access a childminder – if so, where do they go?
- ♥ Are you and your family registered with a dentist / GP?
- ♥ Has your child been referred to services for concerns around their development such as the Child Development Centre or Speech and Language Therapy?
- ♥ Does your child receive Early Years Inclusion Grant funding?
- ♥ Does your child receive EY pupil Premium?



## Mental/Physical Health

Questions;

- ♥ Would you say you lead a healthy lifestyle – exercise and diet?
- ♥ Do you have access to food?
- ♥ Do any of the family have any physical health issues – are they accessing appropriate support?
- ♥ Do you have available transport to access support offered?
- ♥ Do any of the household have mental health issues? If yes, are they receiving treatment or support for their condition?
- ♥ What impact does it have on the family?
- ♥ Is your child accessing pastoral support in school?
- ♥ Can you get out and about in the community with your child/ young person with SEND and your family?
- ♥ Are you registered for All in?
- ♥ Does your child/ young person with SEND have behaviours of concern? What is the impact of these behaviours on you, your family, in the home and out and about? Do you know what the trigger for these behaviours are?



## Substance Use

Questions;

- ♥ Do you have concerns about any family members using drugs or alcohol? If so, does this impact on finances?
- ♥ Does this impact on the family?
- ♥ Do they currently access support?
- ♥ Do you have concerns around substances in relation you your child/ children?
- ♥ Do your children understand the risks associated with excessive alcohol use or using drugs?
- ♥ Has your child accessed support for their substance use?
- ♥ Do you have concerns about your child vaping?



## Family Relationships

Questions;

- ♥ How do you feel about being a parent?
- ♥ How do you find putting discipline and boundaries in place?

- ♥ Have you ever completed Understanding your Child?
- ♥ Where do you go for support?
- ♥ Does your current situation impact on your relationship with your partner?
- ♥ What are the relationships like in your house?
- ♥ How do you resolve arguments? Are the arguments frequent, intense or poorly resolved?
- ♥ How do the children get along?
- ♥ If there is conflict, do you feel the conflict between you and your partner impacts on the children?
- ♥ Are any of your children/young people violent or abusive to you or other members of the family?
- ♥ Do any of you children/young people help to support any members of the family? If yes, are they accessing support from Young Carers?
- ♥ Do they understand each other's needs including the SEND needs of any of their siblings? Do they understand that their family life and their role within their family may be different to that of their peers?



## Keeping Children Safe

Questions;

- ♥ Do you have any concerns about the safety of any of your children?
- ♥ Are you worried about providing for your children needs (emotional and physical).
- ♥ Are you worried about your child's friendships? Or places that they visit / spend time socially?
- ♥ Are you worried about your child social media usage and are they safe online?
- ♥ Are you aware of how to set Parental controls on your child's devices?
- ♥ Have any of your children/young people gone missing from home in the last 12 months? If so, did you call the police?



## Crime Prevention

Questions;

- ♥ Have you been a victim of crime or antisocial behaviour?
- ♥ Has anyone in your family committed a crime?

- ♥ Is anyone in your family (including the children) at risk of being involved in crime or anti-social behaviour? If yes, have you received support from the Early Help Intervention and Prevention Police Team?
- ♥ Is anyone in your household or close family in prison, on probation or involved with the youth justice team?



## Domestic Abuse

Questions;

- ♥ How are relationships in the family?
- ♥ Do you feel safe?
- ♥ Is/Has anyone in the family experienced or is experiencing domestic or sexual violence or abuse? If yes, who is the perpetrator? Is this still happening now? Are you receiving support?
- ♥ Did /does the violence result in Police call outs or trips to A&E?
- ♥ What impact is it/ has it had on the children? Do the children need support to deal with what they have witnessed?



## Housing

Questions;

- ♥ Are you happy with where you live? Do you feel safe?
- ♥ Who lives with you? If children / family members live outside of the house - explore why?
- ♥ Do you own or rent your property? If you rent, who is the landlord? Do you have a housing officer?
- ♥ Are there any issues with the condition of the house?
- ♥ Are you at risk of eviction/homelessness for any reason?
- ♥ Does your home meet the needs of your child or young person with SEND? Do you need any adaptations to ensure your child is kept safe within the home as a result of their SEND?



## Finances

### Questions;

- ♥ Do you work? If so, are you full time or part-time? If not have you been looking for work? If so, how long?
- ♥ Have you had any support with getting back into work? Would you be happy for me to refer you to the Employment Advisor? To: Check your benefits, see if there is a way to increase your income, support you to be work ready.
- ♥ Do you volunteer? Would you like to?
- ♥ Do you budget your finances?
- ♥ Do you have any debt that you would like support with? Would you like me to refer you to CAP/ CAB?
- ♥ Is your child in college, work or completing an apprenticeship? If not, would they like support in accessing this?
- ♥ Do you claim Disability Living allowance for you child/ young person with SEND?



## Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Shropshire Fire and Rescue can visit your family home to ensure you are aware of potential hazards and can take the right actions. Their aim is to keep you safe, not judge your lifestyle. Would you be happy for me to complete a referral? You can change your mind when they call.