



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?



What is a Team around the Family Meeting?

A Team Around the Family meeting (TAF) is a friendly family meeting. It is a time for everyone who helps a child or young person, including their family, to come together and chat.

The goal of the TAF is to share information and create a plan that focuses on identifying strengths, solving problems and supporting the child/children and their family. Think of it as a big team working together!

Who will be at the meeting?

We will work out together, who the family feel are the best people to support them, including practitioners from Early Help partner agencies. It is useful for everyone to come together to have a Team around the Family Meeting.

This plan is special because it is not just made by one person – it's made by the whole team, We call it a multi-agency meeting because it involves people from different agencies, like schools, health services, and more.

When will the TAF meeting be held?

The meeting is set at a time that suits the family, ensuring it's a brief and focused meeting where everyone, especially the child and family, contributes to shaping the best plan for them.

How is the action plan created?

At the core of a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting is the importance of gathering the views of the child/children and their family. It is crucial to ensure that the plan we create genuinely reflects what the child and family need and want, even if the child is very young or non-verbal. When we identify what the family want and need, we consider who around the table can support the family to achieve their goal A timescale is agreed and the action is created and recorded within the plan.



What happens during the meetings?

During the Team Around the Family Meeting, we will agree who the most appropriate person is to lead the action plan and they will be known as the “lead professional.”

The Team around the Family Meetings will be held regularly to review the action plan, and information will be shared about the actions. The action plan will be stored securely on our Case Management System.

The TAF meetings will continue until a family have reached their goals and they feel that the support is no longer required.

What is a lead professional?

A lead professional is a person, usually a professional such as a teacher, school support staff or health visitor, who is the single point of contact for a family when working in a Team Around the Family way. They will bring help to the family and reduce the need to tell their story multiple times.

For more information please visit the Early Help website - <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/early-help>

