

## Information for Cumberland Early Help and Family Support Panels

Dear Cumberland Colleagues,

As part of our Family Help transformation programme, we have taken the decision to stand down our current Early Help and Family Support Panels as we develop new support routes to ensure children, young people and families get the right support at the right time and the advice, guidance, and signposting, you as our partners and colleagues may need.

As we move forward there will be a number of opportunities for partners to work more collaboratively together to ensure we work as a system and not single service, including a Family Help (Early Help) quarterly forum, attendance at Team around the Family meetings, sub-groups from our Family Help Partnership and co-production and design of our outreach offer. For more information, please see our [Family Help and Prevention Strategy \(2024-2027\)](#).

I would like to thank everyone who has supported these panels for their knowledge, expertise and commitment which has resulted in improved outcomes for children and families whether that has taken the form of advice, signposting or direct support for our children and families.

If you are leading an Early Help Plan or need to seek advice about a child or family in the interim, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Ross and Mags Moorhead, as your Family Help Area Officers, who will be available for consultation for any Early Help Assessments and Plans that you feel would have benefitted from a discussion at panel, information discussed will be recorded on our Early Help System.

Karen Ross and Mags Moorhead have attended and also chaired panels for many years and have a fantastic knowledge of, and connection with, the agencies who support our children and families and they will be happy for you to get in touch.

As always, if you are a professional who works with children, young people and families and are concerned about a child:

- Please refer to the Cumbria Threshold Guidance as this can help you identify the risks and types of support a child or family may need.
- Discuss your concerns in the first instance with your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or line manager.
- If you think a child is at risk of harm, professionals should complete the Cumberland Single Contact Form
- If you have urgent concerns for a child, or suspect that a child has been abused in anyway and needs an urgent response, please call the Cumberland Safeguarding Hub immediately on 0333 240 1727.



Please see below for dates of the Family Help and Prevention Partner Roadshow events taking place across Cumberland in the coming weeks, we hope you can be there.

**Book your place** on one of the following sessions

<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Location / Venue</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October (1-3pm)	Millom
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November (10.30am-12.30pm)	Whitehaven
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November (1.30-3.30pm)	Cleator Moor
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November (10.30am-12.30pm)	Workington
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November (1.30-3.30pm)	Salterbeck, Workington
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (10.30am-12.30pm)	Carlisle
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> December (1.30-3.30pm)	Carlisle
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (10.30am-12.30pm)	Wigton
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (1.30-3.30pm)	Maryport