



Information for Parents and Carers

Lead Professional



The collage features 12 distinct images arranged in a grid-like fashion. The top row shows a woman holding a baby, a close-up of a stethoscope on a person's chest, a woman hugging a child, and a young man. The second row includes a woman sitting on a bench, a person writing on a notepad, a pregnant woman, a close-up of a person's face, and a young man in a wheelchair. The third row depicts a person holding a small plant, two women sitting on a couch, a young girl with her hands near her mouth, and a young man using a laptop in a wheelchair.



Why does my child need a Lead Professional?

If you are reading this leaflet it means you are part of discussions about your child and the help they need to support their well-being. You will know that a number of professionals with different skills are going to work together with you to agree a multi-agency plan to help your child. In Dumfries and Galloway, one of the professionals involved with your child will agree to become the Lead Professional. You will have a Lead Professional so that every

professional involved knows what they and everyone else is doing to help your child progress, including yourself. This helps to stop confusion and means it is easier for everyone to communicate with each other.

What does the Lead Professional do – and how will this help my child?

The Lead Professional will make sure everyone is clear about what is happening, and will arrange meetings or discussions to develop your child's plan. Your Lead Professional will make sure everyone fully understands your child, what needs to change and what each person is doing to help. Once your child's plan is in place, the Lead Professional will check on progress or co-ordinate discussions about any changes to your child's plan.



Your Lead Professional will also:

- Make sure you and your child have all the information you need and that you understand what is happening at any point.
- Co-ordinate your child's plan and check whether all the things that people said they would do are being done. This means that there will be fewer meetings that you need to take part in. The Lead Professional will make sure that everyone stays focused on your child's wellbeing.

Will I have a say in what's happening for my child?

We understand that parents have a lot of knowledge about their children, and we want you and

your child to be actively involved in making decisions and in putting together your child's plan. Your Lead Professional will make sure that everyone involved listens to your views and takes them seriously.

Who will take the role of Lead Professional?

Every plan is different for each child and will depend on what your child needs. The person who will take on the role of Lead Professional will depend on which professional has the most knowledge and experience to co-ordinate your child's individual plan. You and your child will be fully involved in any decision about who is best placed to co-ordinate the plan.

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Your Lead Professional's contact details are:

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If you cannot reach your Lead Professional, you can use the following contact person to get a message to them:

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