

What happens at the end of the assessment?

At the end of the assessment, you will be provided with a copy of our report and we will meet with you in person to discuss our findings.

During this meeting we will explain our decision making and our recommendation.

Should you disagree with our findings, your comments will be included in the final report.



Comments/Complaints

If you are unhappy about any aspect of the assessment, please contact our team on 01259 450000 or the Social Work Customer Complaints Officer on 01259 225000.

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An assessment is required when we need to find out more about your child's needs and the difficulties you are experiencing as a parent. The information gathered during the assessment will be used to support the care plan for your child/ren.

We need to get a full picture of your situation to make sure we offer the most appropriate help, support and advice to you and your child.



What Can I Expect?

Before the assessment takes place, we will meet with you and anyone else that needs to be involved, to make sure everyone is in agreement with and understands the plan.

During this meeting we will complete an assessment agreement form with you, which will explain the purpose of the assessment, dates and times of meetings, who will be present and what you will be required to do. You will be given a copy of this document.

A member of the team will then meet with you (normally in your own home) and will ask you questions about:

- Your personal and parenting history
- Your child's development
- How you parent your child
- Your relationships and wider family, community and environment

In working with you:

- We will be clear about the purpose of assessment and the possible outcomes.
- We will work to clear time limits.
- Our assessment will take account of any additional needs that you may have, including the need for an interpreter.
- When appropriate, you may choose to have a relative or friend present to support you or to speak on your behalf.
- We will be open and honest.
- We will listen to you and take account of your views.

