

Children first and at the heart of all we do

# Dudley Family Safeguarding

Helping families stay together



Family Safeguarding is a new way of working with families so that they can stay together, and children and young people can remain safely with their families. We will help you identify what changes need to be made in your daily life and support you to achieve these. In Dudley we have a service for families with younger children and another service for supporting families with young people up to 18.

### **Our commitment to you as a family**

We are committed to working with you as a family to help you achieve your goals and make sustained changes that will improve outcomes for you all.

We are determined to provide you with an excellent service. We will listen to what you say, will work with you and support you with what you need. Everyone working with you will be professional and treat you with fairness, respect and dignity.



Our Family and Adolescent Safeguarding Teams – who will work with you

**The team that will work with you will be made up of a wide range of different professionals. These professionals are here to help you and your family and include:**

- Social Workers – will work directly with you and your children and support you to identify and make the changes that will improve outcomes for your family.
- Child and Family Practitioners – will work directly with you and your children assisting the social workers by undertaking pieces of work with you.
- Domestic Abuse Practitioners – will work with those who have experienced or are experiencing domestic abuse to support them in understanding the impact of domestic abuse on themselves and their children.
- Domestic Abuse Officers – will work together with parents/ carers with children, with the aim of breaking the cycle of abusive behaviour.
- Recovery Workers – will work with you if you have issues with drugs, and/or alcohol. These professionals will support you to make any lifestyle changes that are needed so that you can carry on caring for your children.
- Mental Health Practitioners – will work with parents who are experiencing mental health difficulties
- Psychologists – will work with parents on specific aspects of parenting that may affect their children.

## In our Adolescent Safeguarding service we also have:

- Young People's substance misuse practitioner who provides support to young people who are misusing drugs and alcohol.
- Youth Mentor who works with young people in relation issues such as healthy relationships, keeping safe in the community and online, and identity and self esteem.
- Money mentor who can help with managing money, tackling debt and accessing benefits.

## How we will work with you

- Work with you to agree what needs to change
- Support you to identify your strengths and the support around you that we will build on together
- Help you with parenting skills, drug and alcohol use, domestic abuse and mental health needs.
- Working differently we will focus more of our time directly with you and your family to make lasting changes
- We will ask you for your views to improve how we work.



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