

Requests for Parenting Assessments

Requests for parenting assessments should be discussed at the locality scrutiny panels and consideration should always be given to the needs for parenting assessment vs a social work risk assessment informed by the single assessment.

Graded Care Profile

The Graded care Profile should be used for identifying neglect prior to the Parenting Assessment request; to ensure the parents have explicit explanation of appropriate parenting & care of their children and the improvement needed. It is used to capture parenting abilities and can be used to evidence change e.g. improvement, decline or no change in parenting. All practitioners should be conversant with the GCP. In addition to this work all practitioners should evaluate the parent's cognitive skills and adapt communication and interventions to ensure parents are able to fully engage.

Chronology

A chronology should be available on each child's record. The Social Worker will provide this at scrutiny panel.

Cultural Genograms

The social worker will also provide the family cultural genogram at scrutiny panel.

All of the above assessment tools may be developed further during the Parenting Assessment Process.

Social Worker involvement during Parenting Assessment.

The lead Social Worker should be observing a minimum of 20% of family time sessions e.g. one session per month.

The social workers observations will be recorded differently as part of the social work assessment.

The social worker will organise and lead the Pre-Assessment Planning Meeting, Midway Review and the Final Reflective Supervision Review including the team manager.



Pre-Assessment Planning Meeting

This meeting should be between the Parent(s), the Social Worker (SW), the parenting assessor, and their manager or supervisor.

Social Worker and all parties to agree key dates in the calendar for the Parenting Assessment.



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Recording In Mosaic Workflow Steps

Throughout the assessment process a record needs to be kept by Social Worker, Parenting Assessor's and the Family Time Supervisors.

Workflow steps in Mosaic have been designed to capture all assessment activity including observations, analysis and risk assessments.



Parenting Capacity

To be completed by parenting assessor to address issues identified at the planning meeting. Refer to the East Midlands Parenting Assessment Guidance and evidence based resources

Midway Review

Evaluating parents/carers ability and motivation to change. In the review meeting Practitioners should note evidence of changes and improvements made.



Final Reflective Supervision Review

Completed between weeks 10-12.

The professional judgement to be given at the end of the Parenting Assessment Report is about the parenting capacity demonstrated through the Parenting Assessment.

Social Worker, Practice Supervisor or Team Manager and Parenting Assessor to come together to discuss the outcomes in a reflective supervision review.

After discussions recommendations will be made by the Social Worker.

It is then the role of the social worker to use this evidence to inform their own