

Family Early Help –GP referral Audit Jan 2023 Safeguarding Forum 19 July 2023

January 2023

Collaborative audit between Family Early Help and Named GP

All GP referrals identified. Referral and practitioner report shared

GP Referrals to Family Early Help (FEH) Audit

All cases reviewed within following domains:

Threshold of need

Health element identified for children/parent/carer

Outcome

GP referral –evidence of child's health or developmental needs consider, evidence of parental risk and protective factors, use of medical language, voice of child/parent,

Family Early Help criteria



Referral form questions

What help have you or others provided to address the child or family needs? And why?

Please send us any assessments you have completed and any Team around the Child or Family meeting?

What are you still worried about? Please indicate the individual needs of the child(ren) and what needs to change for the child(ren) and why? What has prompted this referral now?

What information do you know about the parent/carer and the wider family support network? (include relationships, friendships, behaviour, support, stability, safety, language, mental health, substance misuse, domestic abuse etc) Are there any risk issues we need to be aware of?

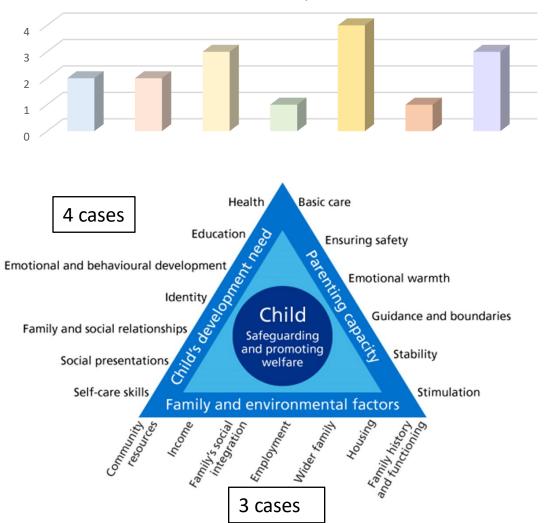
Summary

- 7 families with 16 children
- 7 different GP practices
- 5 Family Early Help referrals, 2 'step-across' MASH referrals

The Primary issue for making the referrals were:

- Behavioral difficulties- autism (1)
- Homelessness (1)
- Housing- overcrowding (1)
- Mental Health Child (2)
- Parenting mental health/difficulties (2)

The referrals were all processed through to the referral meeting and were screened by Managers who gave a recommendation as to how the referral should be progressed.

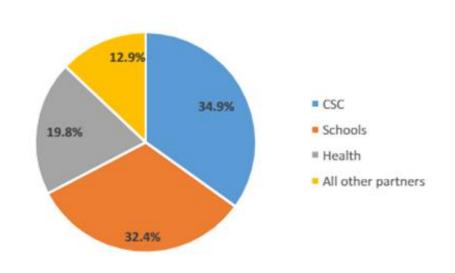


No of children per referral

Referral Summary

Health service –other include:

- Health inclusion team
- GSTT paeds
- Community paeds- medical/OT/SALT
- Southwark camhs
- Talking therapy
- Third sector
- Perinatal
- Midwivery
- Adult SLAM



Referral sectors Jan 2023

Health referral sectors Jan 2023 6,9% 16.7% Health services - A&E Health services - GP Health services - Health Visitor Health services - Other primary health services

Learning from the GP referrals

- MASH step across- 2 cases
 - Homeless and Overcrowding cases
- Overall referrals, are appropriate, wide-ranging, range of ages, responding to social needs
- Remember to see the child behind the adult are we potentially missing opportunities?
- Review of referral forms need identified
 - strengthen their response to 'what support family would like',
 - wider context- half of referrals had no reference to parent carer, significant negatives
 - voice of child/family- no referral had definitive reference to this area. Some implied by referral, but value in recording, often there can be mismatch between what we offer and what the patient or child seeking.

Health element

Autism

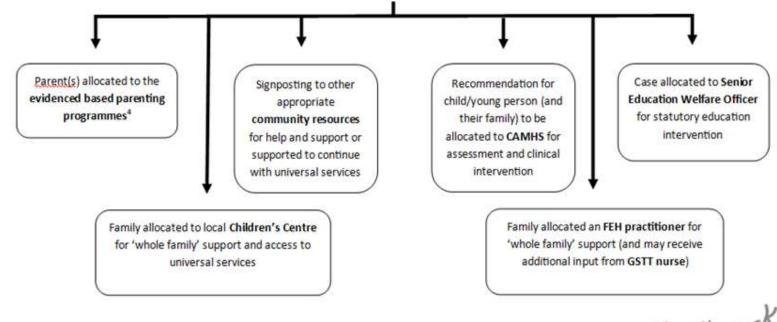
Parental severe mental illness- well controlled bipolar affective disorder

Severe anxiety in a child

Epilepsy in child

Craniosynostosis

Parental depression



³ Please note that there may be a short waiting list for allocation

Outcome

⁴ For children 0-19 which includes Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC) , Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC), and Father's parenting group work programme.



Outcome

Referral Outcomes->Primary issueReferral for Incredible Years Parenting programme for Autism-> Behavioral difficulties- autism

Referral to Family Early Help CAMHS->Mental Health ChildReferral accepted for FEH Short Assessment- under 11ys team

->Parenting mental health/difficulties

Referral closed as needs of the family can be met by universal and community services ->Housing- overcrowding Referral closed to FEH as family open to CSC

Parenting mental health/difficulties

Referral allocated to a Children & Family Worker at the Children & Family Centre ->Homelessness

Referral closed to FEH following the family signposted to community resources and received advice, information and guidance ->Mental Health Child