

Early Identification and Intervention Tool

Gloucestershire County Council is maintaining a register of children and young people with a learning disability, autism or both who display, or are at risk of developing, behaviour that challenges or who have mental health conditions and are most likely to be at risk of admission to a mental health or learning disability hospital. This register is called the Early Identification and Intervention Tool.

If your child has a learning disability and/or autism then professionals across health, social care and education will have to work together to ensure they achieve their potential. Sometimes your child's circumstances may change and their needs may escalate. Professionals in different organisations need to be able to respond quickly and ensure your child gets the help that they need when they need it.

The Early Identification and Intervention Tool will be used to:

- Identify your child as an individual with additional needs
- Enable and co-ordinate services to proactively respond to avoid crisis
- Plan and prepare for Care Education and Treatment Reviews if needed
- Support the ongoing monitoring of the provision specified in an Education, Health and Care Plan where one is issued
- Enable coordinated working with other teams and organisations
- Inform future commissioned services and educational placement requirements
- Prepare for your child's move into adult services ensuring that the right accommodation and support is in place, as appropriate

This should reduce the number of admissions to mental health and learning disability hospitals as well as preventing educational or residential breakdown.

Why we collect and share your information

Sharing your information helps the professionals working with your family to understand your circumstances which means you and your child will:

- Get the best help and support available
- Not be asked the same questions again and again
- Get quicker and easier access to services and support
- Find that decisions are made more quickly
- Receive more 'joined-up' help and support
- Be kept safe and well
- Be better informed.



We will also use your data to better understand the services we provide for people with learning disabilities and autism and to help us build those services for the future. We may also use your data to identify if our services are fulfilling our legal obligations.

The Council has legal duties under the Children Act 1989 and related legislation to provide services to protect children and the other parties involved in sharing have legal duties to co-operate with the Council. Further information will be found in the privacy notices referred to overleaf.



How we share information

People working with you and your family may use computer systems, speak to each other and/or write to each other. Your information will be transferred, handled and stored securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and other relevant legislation.

Who Gloucestershire County Council will share your data with

As part of the Early Identification and Intervention process

Gloucestershire County Council will share information with the following organisations:

- ➔ Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust
- ➔ Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- ➔ Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

These are all organisations which are likely to already hold some information about your child and be involved in aspects of their care.



If they are informed when your child's needs escalate they may be able to play a key role in supporting your family.

Internally within Gloucestershire County Council we will commonly share information with:

- ➔ Disabled Children and Young People's Service
- ➔ Education Services including the Education, Health and Care Plan Team, Education Commissioners, the Early Years team, the School Inclusion Service and the Advisory Teaching Service
- ➔ Children and Families Hub Commissioners including the Placements Team
- ➔ Transitions Team
- ➔ Adult Social Care



How to contact us:

Please contact us if you have any questions about this leaflet or the Early Identification and Intervention Tool by email: ChildrensDSR@Gloucestershire.gov.uk

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See also:

<https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/privacy-notice/>

<https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/privacy-notice/>

http://www.glosccg.nhs.uk/?page_id=4359

