# CAF

## Common Assessment Framework

## Helping you to help Children and Young People

**CAF** is a way of assessing any child or young person you might have concerns about. It helps to identify more clearly what additional needs they might have. It also assists in making more effective referrals to the right services at the right time

**Not sure if a CAF is needed?**
Take a look at the Child, Parent and Environment sections overleaf. If any of those issues or simular seem to strike a chord then a CAF could be useful. Someone in your agency will be able to help you either undertake an assessment or do one for you.

The CAF contact in my Agency is:

Telephone Number

OLDHAM
*Metropolitan Borough*

Children, Young People and Families

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It is important to try and gain an understanding of the needs of the child or young person in the context of their personal development and behaviour, their family, their home environment, home and the community they live in. Some or all of which may have an effect on them

### Child and Young Person

**Is the Child Healthy?**
You may feel that there are issues around the child's general health, their development, etc.

**Learning and Understanding?**
Not engaging in formal education?
Failing to achieve things in learning that they could be helped with?

**Is their behaviour an issue?**

**Family?**
Family problems (including Extended family)?

### Environment

Is the **History and Functioning** of the family having a negative impact? This may also apply to the wider family network.

**Housing, Employment or Financial** issues?

**Social Networks**
Inappropriate or Peer Groups

Broader negative **Community** issues

### Parent

**Basic Care?**
Parented well? Safe at Home or on the streets?

**Emotional Warmth and Stability?**
Parenting lacks positive support?
Parenting inconsistent?

**Guidance, Boundaries and Stimulation**
Inappropriate or poor parenting around these Issues?