

Assessment and intervention service

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What do the Assessment and intervention service do?

- We work with some of the most vulnerable children, young people (0-18) and their families in Southwark, who are in need of Protection.
- The service operates under the Children Act 1989, following key legal sections to ensure statutory protection.
- Close collaboration with families and professionals addressing safeguarding concerns and promoting stability and well-being.

Our Aim in the service:

- ❖ To protect children & young people who may be at risk of harm
- ❖ The service aims to prevent harm and reduce risks ensuring children grow up in safe environments.
- ❖ To promote children's welfare within their families
- ❖ To work in partnership with parents and carers to promote better outcomes for children in Southwark.



Structure in the service:

- 1 Head of Service.
- 2 Service Managers.
- 8 Team Managers (6 generic Teams and 2 specialist teams)
- 2 Specialist Team –
 - Keeping Families together (KFT)
 - Pre-Birth, Southwark judgement and intentionally homeless families team.
- Support services – Family support workers and Practice co-Ordinators

Challenges:

- Working with resistant families within the child's timescales
- Managing repeat referrals
- Getting the multi-disciplinary partnership network on board or responding in a timely manner.
- Tensions between information sharing and confidentiality because of the different perspectives on safeguarding / client confidentiality being in conflict with the requirement for partners to share information