

Single Assessment Framework early help [SAFeh] and health

General Practitioner [GP] and primary health care Guidelines

What?

- SAFeh is a process and tool for any practitioner working with children and young people (CYP)
- It also considers adults in the family whose conditions may affect their parenting capacity
- It enables an holistic assessment whereby a multi-agency team of professionals work with the family to coordinate their actions
- It enables CYP and their families to tell their story once

Why?

- The SAFeh is part of the Common Business and Delivery (CBDP) Process that all practitioners use to access targeted and specialist provision in South Gloucestershire
- All practitioners are expected to participate as appropriate in the SAFeh process
- The process can provide contextual information for GPs, enabling us to look at causes rather than just symptoms and to plan appropriate actions
- Targeted early intervention can prevent an escalation of difficulties

How?

- All professionals to routinely share SAFeh information with GPs where there is consent
- Patient records to be flagged to indicate that SAFeh is in operation
- All professionals to consider whether the GP's attendance at multi-agency meetings is essential – if not, updates and comments can be shared electronically

What if...?

- Consent is in question? In these cases we can listen to concerns and information from the Lead Professional (LP) without divulging confidential medical information
- There are safeguarding issues? Information must be shared in accordance with safeguarding guidelines [SGSCB] Our attendance must be prioritised e.g. at Child Protection conferences
- We are key practitioners within the Team around the Child? The meeting should be arranged and negotiated to ensure that we can attend.

Further Information

- Contact Access and Response Team (ART) on 01454 866000 / accessandresponse@southglos.gov.uk
- Secure email for confidential information: accessandresponse@southglos.gcsx.gov.uk – this can be used securely from any @nhs.net email address

Appendices

- A- GP Safeguarding Flowchart
- B- SAF Consent Form
- C- Pre-assessment/screening form
- D- SAFeh Form
- E- Action plan and Review form