

DUDLEY EARLY HELP

"Promoting Resilience,
not Reliance"

"Preventative services will do
more to reduce abuse and
neglect than reactive
services"
-Eileen Munro

As well as providing
preventative Early Help
support, Family Solutions works
at threshold level 4 providing
support to Social Care in the
form of wrap around, cusp of
care and intensive family
support



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Adolescent
Response Team
(ART)



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About The Team

The Adolescent Response Team sits within Family Solutions and forms a key part of Dudley's Early Help Offer. The team can offer a needs led intensive package of Family Support predominantly aimed at those young people on the cusp of care. The age range the team can work with is those young people aged 12-17.

The Team is made up of a Lead officer, an Advanced Social Work Practitioner, a Senior Practice Supervisor, 4 Intensive Family Support workers and 12 Family Support Workers.

Criteria

- Young People aged 12-17
- Have an allocated Social Worker
- Have an open assessment
- The referral should come at the start of the assessment process with at least one visit having been completed
- A completed screening tool prior to the case coming to the team
- The team can work with adoption breakdown cases
- The team can also work to support reunification
- The team can work with those cases where a request has come in from a parent to accommodate (*Providing the above prerequisites are met*)

Screening Tool

The Screening Tool is available from Team Managers or the ART Team directly. The team can support you in completing the tool however consent must be gained from the family to engage with the team prior to the referral being sent in.

Referral Pathway

Having completed the Screening tool please send the form to arteam@dudley.gov.uk The case will then be allocated within 24 hours providing it meets criteria. If you require support completing the form or have any questions you can contact the duty manager between 9am and 5 pm on 01384 815676. Outside of these hours please send queries to the inbox.

Allocation

Once allocated (within 24 hours) the allocated ART member of staff will contact the Social Worker to arrange an initial meeting. From this point on the team will develop a plan with the Family and Social Worker which will be implemented over the course of a 6 - 12 week period (dependent on need). The aim will be to prepare the Family for step-down to Level 3 Early Help Services provided by their local Family Centre.

Over the period of ART intervention it is still expected that the allocated Social Worker attends regular review meetings (every fortnight) to ensure the plan is being adhered to and progress is being made. Discussion will be had at each review meeting to discuss step-down options and timescales or if necessary, how the case may need to be handed back to Social Care to progress.

Recording

All of the ART team will use CCM for recording their case notes, therefore Social Workers are asked to ensure case records are up to date prior to requesting a service.

Location

The team is currently based at 3-5 St James's Road, however long term the team will be based at Corbyn Road to be more accessible for Social Workers.

Thresholds

The Adolescent Response Team will work at Threshold Level 4 with the goal of stepping a family down to Level 3 support.

