



Integrated Children and Family Services COVID-19 Briefing – 08.04.2020

Hub Provision for Vulnerable Children

Today is the first day of the Hub provision for vulnerable children which currently aims to run each week day morning until the schools are back up and running. This includes public holidays so those due to attend Friday's are in this week too. Thank you all for your help in getting the vital information in to allow the planning to take place for these children, who will generally attend either Tuesday and Thursdays or Mon, Wed and Fridays.

For necessary Risk Assessment and Covid guidance to be robust it is vital that workers all work closely with Hub staff to ensure that:

- Children and their families are clear about children not attending if they or household members have any COVID-19 symptoms.
- Children will be advised of need for social distancing on the minibus when being transported.
- Children's health needs are up-to-date and shared and that any details on who cannot drop off or collect children is shared alongside a Child's Plan, in advance of commencing at the Hub.

We anticipate that concerns for children will rise and fall over the forthcoming weeks so ongoing collaboration between sw and education colleagues will be vital to share our own observations and assessment from our other contacts with families. For this reason, there will be an Emergency Resource Forum each Tuesday and Friday where Head Teachers can refer children for whom they feel the current universal, targeted or specialist support in place is not keeping the child safe. One of the outcomes from this forum is referral for a Hub place, but it may be to increase targeted support from education staff, or where care and protection risks prevail, to refer to the sw service. For children open to SW service, we know you will already be linking in closely with education colleagues to discuss individual planning for children and this forum does not replace our usual means of collaboration.

Where social work staff feel the criteria for a Hub place is met (as per previous information) we ask that you complete [the form](#).

Forms submitted by 5pm the night before each forum will be considered for any available spaces.

Just to remind us all, Hub provision is to cater for children as per the Govt provision for vulnerable learners so will of course be children for whom remaining in their homes and not being seen by **education and social work staff** on a more regular basis, is a **greater** risk than risk posed by non-adherence to lockdown arrangements to 'stay home.'

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