

## Devon introduces a revised multi-agency tool to help everyone who works with children, young people and families across the partnership.

Early help is the most effective, evidence-based way to prevent harm to children; working with families at an early stage helps to prevent problems from escalating. Never has it been more important to get it right in Devon to help families recover from the impact of the pandemic and to build resilience for other challenges that lay ahead.

In Devon there are many different agencies - statutory, voluntary, private and independent organisations - who come into contact with, and support children and their families. To help guide you through this Devon County Council and the Devon Children & Families Partnership (DCFP), in consultation with partners, have developed a revised [Levels of Need Tool](#) - previously known as the Threshold Tool. It has been designed to support you in making decisions about interventions so that children and families receive the right help, at the right time, in the right place and from the most appropriate service(s).

Supported by our multi-agency partners, the DCFP and Devon Education Services will provide a series of virtual and face to face workshops from August to introduce you through the tool and guide you through the revisions. It really is essential that you attend one of these sessions so you can get familiar with the Levels of Need and other tools which are available to support you.

### Levels of Need Workshops

Please see below for dates. To book your place:

- If you have a DeL account click [here](#), enter 'Levels of need' in the search box to display available courses
- if you **don't** have a Devon DeL account, [please click here](#)

<b>Level of Need Workshop</b> <b>For all multi-agency partners and children's services staff (including schools/education) – book your place <a href="#">here</a></b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Wed 7 Sep	9.30am- 12pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Wed 7 Sep	1.30-4.00pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Wed 7 Sep	5-7.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Thu 29 Sep	3-5.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Mon 3 Oct	1.30-4pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Fri 21 Oct	10am-12.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Wed 26 Oct	1-3.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Mon 14 Nov	2-4.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Mon 21 Nov	11.00am-2.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Tue 22 Nov	4.00-6.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Wed 7 Dec	10:30am-1pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Thu 8 Dec	10am-12.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
<b>Levels of Need Workshop</b> <b>for Schools/Education – facilitated by Devon Education Service - book your place <a href="#">here</a></b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Wed 5 Sep	10am-12.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Mon 12 Sep	10am-12.30pm	Face to Face – North (venue tbc)
Mon 12 Sep	10am-12.30pm	Face to Face – Mid (venue tbc)
Mon 12 Sep	10am-12.30pm	Face to Face – South (venue tbc)
Wed 14 Sep	10am-12.30pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Thu 15 Sep	1.30-4pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams
Thu 17 Nov	1.30-4pm	Virtual – online, via Microsoft Teams

Please contact [safeguardingelearning-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingelearning-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) if you have any problems finding or booking onto a session

To find out more visit [Levels of Need Tool](#) (insert link)