**New Early Help Assessment (EHA)**

After a small delay due to Covid Northumberland is now launching its new Multi-agency Early Help Assessment:

Why?

1. You told us the form was a barrier, it was too long and there were too many questions
2. Northumberland County Council is embracing a Signs of Safety Approach (https://www.signsofsafety.net/what-is-sofs/) altering the EHA should mean families begin to hear us all using the same language
3. Powerful research tell us we should be looking at the ACEs(Adverse childhood experiences - that children are facing) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHgLYI9KZ-A>)

How?

1. A draft EHA was created and shared as far and wide as we could. All feedback was taken on board and the form reworked
2. Senior managers from all agencies, families and young people were asked their thoughts and again feedback acted on

What?

Most of the form is pretty straight forward;

* Family details
* Who else lives in your house?
* Who is important to your family?
* Services involved with the family

Then there are a few pages that look very different from the old Early Help Assessment:

**ACES:**



**Signs of Safety:**

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