## **Customer Service Matters**

## **Children & Family Services**

When you	We will
When you           Make a referral           A referral is an accepted request to the Local Authority for an assessment for services.           This will require making contact with the child and parent/carer and the relevant agencies/settings. All child protection concerns will proceed to a referral.           If you are eligible for an assessment.           An assessment is sitting down with an individual and working out what needs to happen to improve their situation, what they can do and what we need to do.           An individual has a right to say no to an assessment, but the Service can still carry out one if we think a child/young person is at risk.	<ul> <li>We will Consider and make a decision on the referral within 24 hours.</li> <li>Involve you, your family and carers in the assessment.</li> <li>Listen to your opinions about decisions that affect your life.</li> <li>With you, identify what matters to you and the personal well-being outcomes you wish to achieve (and in the case of children, the outcomes which persons with parental responsibility wish to achieve to the child).</li> <li>Look at what support and care you have a right to have.</li> <li>Ensure you have a clear understanding of the outcome of the assessment and what will happen next.</li> <li>Receive a clear explanation of any concerns where they exist and why this is unacceptable to the department.</li> <li>All assessment should cover at least these five main areas:- <ul> <li>Your personal goals or the outcomes you would like to see.</li> <li>What things would stop you reaching your goals.</li> <li>What's going on in your life and around you.</li> <li>Your own strengths and what things you can do to help themselves, and</li> <li>Any risks that might impact on any of the above.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

If you are assessed as having 'eligible needs' After an assessment, if a person has needs for care and support, we will be required to consider what could be done to meet them.	<ul> <li>Work with you to design a care and support plan setting out:-</li> <li>Your personal goals and how you want to reach them.</li> <li>What needs the plan will meet.</li> <li>Who does what.</li> <li>What's needed (including money) and where will it come from.</li> <li>How to check the plan and make changes if needed.</li> <li>Who is the main contact person who will make sure the plan happens.</li> <li>We will also review the care and support plans on a regular basis to:-</li> <li>Consider the extent to which the delivery of the plan is meeting your needs.</li> <li>How it has helped you and / or your family to achieve the outcomes.</li> <li>Determine what support is needed in future, and confirm, amend or end the services involvement.</li> <li>If we believe that the circumstances of a person with an 'eligible need' have changed, the Service must conduct a new proportionate assessment and revise the plan accordingly.</li> </ul>

## Anything you want to tell us?

Let us know if you think we've done something wrong or made a mistake.

We would also like to know if you think we have done something well or if you have a comment or an idea about how we could do something differently or better.

Let us know by e-mailing <u>your.voice@denbighshire.gov.uk;</u> by phoning 01824 706101 by filling a form on our website at <u>www.denbighshire.gov.uk</u>

