BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI4585
Your Ref:
Date: 26/06/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

1. **Assessment Tools, Models, and Frameworks A list of the parenting assessment frameworks, models, or tools currently used by your local authority's Children's Services to assess parenting capacity. This may include, but is not limited to, tools used in statutory assessments, early help interventions, or court-directed parenting assessments.**

In Barnsley, we have our Stronger Together practice model, which includes Signs of Safety and Restorative Practice. We will also use the Parent Assess model where this is relevant.

2. **Access to Materials Where available, please provide electronic copies of these frameworks, models, or tools. If these are publicly available online, a link to the relevant resource will suffice.**

Information about all of these models is readily available on the internet.
What Is Signs of Safety? - Signs of Safety
Restorative Practice
ParentAssess | a specialist assessment framework for parents with learning disabilities and additional needs

3. **Inclusion of Trauma and Adversity Please confirm whether any of the assessment frameworks, models or tools you use explicitly include consideration of trauma, including adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) or other forms of adversity in the lives of parents.**

All of the approaches we utilise are strengths based and take into account individual strengths, circumstances and needs.

4. **Training and Implementation Please provide information on any specific training you provide to staff on the use of these parenting assessment frameworks, models or tools.**

We have offered training to staff around Signs of Safety, Restorative Practice. We have a small number of staff trained in Parent Assess.

5. **Policy or Guidance Documents Advise of and share where possible any internal policy or guidance documents that outline the approach your local authority takes to assessing parenting, including any trauma-informed practice principles that underpin this work.**

I have attached a copy of our practice model, which covers our approach to assessment and intervention. Our approach

6. **Evaluation or Audit Reports Any evaluation, audit, or internal review reports relating to the use or effectiveness of the parenting assessment tools, models or frameworks mentioned above. I would please prefer to receive this information in electronic format if possible. If any part of this request is unclear or likely to exceed cost limits, I would appreciate the opportunity to refine it. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.**

We do not currently have any information specific to Barnsley. All of the approaches referred to in the response are well documented and evidence based.

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