

Guidance for making a referral

Beds for Babies: Safe Space to Sleep programme

Introduction

South Yorkshire's Mayor, Oliver Coppard, has announced £2.2 million of funding over four years into the Beds for Babies: Safe Space to Sleep programme, which guarantees a safe place to sleep for all zero-to-five-year-olds.

Beds for Babies will provide a Moses Basket, cot, cot bed, toddler bed and/or bedding to any child under five who needs it following referral by an appropriate organisation or statutory agency.

The Beds for Babies scheme can support families through the provision of:

- Cots
- Moses Baskets
- Cot beds
- Toddler beds
- Mattresses
- Bedding bundles

Who is eligible?

The scheme is available to anyone living in Barnsley, and items are available from pre-birth to children up to the age of five.

The scheme is not means-tested and is accessible to all families who require support.

Who can refer?

A referral can be made by any professional or charity that has identified a family struggling to provide a safe space to sleep for a child.

How to make a referral

Practitioners are requested to complete the Safe Space to Sleep e-form. Please ensure that you have consent from families to assist in contact and delivery of items.

How do families receive the items?

As the referring agency, you will be contacted via email to let you know that your e-form referral has been received and processed.

You will also be informed when the items will be delivered to the family.

It is the referrer's responsibility to inform the family of the date the items will be delivered.

The items will be delivered by Barnsley Norse on a Wednesday between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Please note that deliveries will only be made on this day of the week. Therefore, families need to be available to accept delivery on the date given.

If the family live in the Goldthorpe area, deliveries will be arranged by the worker in the area.

Additional information to consider

Early Help is our approach in Barnsley to providing support to vulnerable children, young people and families as soon as problems start to emerge, or when there is a strong likelihood that problems will emerge in the future.

It is important to understand why families require support from the Safe Space to Sleep programme, taking into account the holistic needs of the family.



If the family currently do not have an open assessment in place, whether this is via an Early Help Assessment or through social care intervention, you should consider whether the family may benefit from support via an Early Help Assessment.

If you need further information and support regarding the Early Help Assessment process, please contact earlyhelpdevelopmentofficer@barnsley.gov.uk or visit the [Early Help Practitioner Toolkit](#) for more information.