

# When to use the Early Help Assessment (CAF)

## Three simple questions in Bath and North East Somerset

If...

- ...you believe a child is at risk of significant harm, use local child protection procedures. For further information see [www.online-procedures.co.uk/swcpp](http://www.online-procedures.co.uk/swcpp)

If...

- ...needs are clear and you can identify a service to meet them, refer directly to that service. Consider early help assessment if more information becomes available that identifies more complex needs.

If...

- ...needs are unclear, multiple or complex, begin early help assessment with family. Remember this is a voluntary process and signed consent is needed to complete an early help assessment.