Changes to the Early Help Assessment (EHA)

Here are the key changes within EHM with regards to the new assessment.

🌟 The new assessment has been designed as a whole family assessment. In EHM you should add any family member who would be impacted by the assessment to the episode.

🌟 Information sharing tab – the consent declarations have been changed to match the Early Help Assessment form.

🌟 Information sharing tab – a professional’s declaration has been included in the assessment form.

🌟 Assessment information tab – beneath the parent/carer details and family situation information there is a new set of questions, these are:

- Type of accommodation the family lives in
- Name of childcare/ nursery/ school/ college*
- Other relevant family information and support offered by extended family, friends and neighbours

* If the children in the family attend different childcare/ nursery/ school/ college, you will need to split the answer for each child using the people icon.
Family assessment – a new question has been added to the family assessment tab; Please explain why you have started the Early Help Assessment. This will copy forward from the Episode record but will still be editable if you need to add further information.

Please explain why you have started the Early Help Assessment:

As the EHA is now a whole family assessment you do not need to split the answers for each family member. Answers can be given in one box, naming individual family members where necessary.

You must ensure you tick either a strength or difficulty, NOT BOTH, even though the system will allow both boxes to be ticked. Where both strengths and difficulties are present throughout the family members, only the difficulty should be selected.

A new addition to the system is the visual representation of the family’s difficulties in the form of a Radar chart. As you select difficulties the radar chart will change to show where issues are more or less pronounced.

You may need to Save the form for the changes to the Radar Chart to take place.
The radar chart will also feature in the Meeting Outcomes and Episode Closure forms. The information will copy forward from the previous to detail both historic and current issues. If more than one assessment is completed with a family over time the Radar chart will copy forward from the closure form of the last assessment.

Summary of assessment

Pictorial representation of families difficulties:

- Comments tab – a question has been added to the comments section to ascertain whether absent parents have been consulted. If you select the answer No, a details box will appear below for you to explain the reasons why they have not been consulted.

Parent’s / carer’s views
This could include how you feel now the assessment has been completed; positives or negatives regarding your experience.

Absent parent consulted?
- Yes
- No
- N/A - Both parents present

Please explain why

- Next steps tab – The Level of need has been changed to 1 - 4 to reflect the changes in the Children’s Needs and Response Framework January 2018 edition (document can be found at: https://www.rbscb.org/).

- Next steps tab – A question has been added regarding Locality enabling team support. This is to allow the Locality Enabling Team to monitor the support they are providing.
Authorisation of the assessment has now been added. This means that when you complete your assessment you will be asked to send it for authorisation to the Early Help team. This will allow the team to monitor quality and improve skills of users by identifying any issues with either the system inputting or the assessment itself.

- You may need to click the Close button on the assessment, once you have finalised, to access the Authorisation.

Please select EH Admin to authorise this Early Help Assessment:

- Authoriser
- EHM Admin

Comments:

Further details and information

For further details and information about the changes to EHM and the Early Help Assessment, check out these links:

- **EHM Useful Links** – when logged in to EHM go to Menu → Useful Links – Here you will find links to the system user guides and useful websites.

- **RBC Website, Early Help** – visit the Early Help pages for details of training, EHM guides, EHA guides and printable blank versions of the EHA forms.

- **Appendix 1** – this document provides guidance on how to complete the strengths and difficulties section of the EHA. It can be located on the Early Help pages of the RBC Website.