



1. In cases which also involve an allegation of abuse against a staff member, refer to [Safeguarding Code of Conduct for all Employees, Associates, Contractors and Volunteers](#)
2. Early help mean providing support as soon as a problem emerges at any point in a child's life. Where a child would benefit from co-ordinated early help, an early help inter-agency assessment should be arranged. Chapter one of [Working together to safeguard children](#) provides detailed guidance on the early help process.
3. Under the Children Act 1989, local authorities are required to provide services for children in need for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting their welfare. This can include s17 assessments of children in need and s 47 assessments of children at risk of significant harm. Full details are in [Chapter one of Working together to safeguard children](#).
4. This could include applying for an Emergency Protection Order (EPO).