

STARTING POINT

A new way of working in Derbyshire.

Our contact and referral service for children is changing.

We're launching Starting Point on 7 September 2015

You'll be able to request early help, advice, support and safeguarding services for Derbyshire children and young people all in one place.

We'll share information with police and health colleagues to deal with enquiries more quickly – getting the right help to families at the right time.

If you are concerned that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm call 01629 533190.

To request support in other cases a new electronic form will be available on our website.

This replaces the MAT Request for Support paper form and Part A of the Early Help Assessment to request support for early help services.

From 7 September, all requests for support should be made on the electronic form available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint

We're also launching a new advice and consultation line for professionals working with children. Call **01629 535353**, Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm to talk to an experienced social worker.

For more information contact Deb Smith on **01629 532064** or email deb.smith@derbyshire.gov.uk or Stuart Cottee on **01629 532062** or email stuart.cottee@derbyshire.gov.uk

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