**Emergency Duty Team & the Children & Families Hub**

Our EDT benefits from staff that have worked for LBB for a long time, they are very experienced, have a wealth of knowledge and are supported by an on-call Head of Service when needed.

Work is handed over to the ‘day services’ and Children and Families Hub each morning.

We created our Children Families Hub in March 2023 and undertook a comprehensive review in October 2023. We created this in order to have a single front door. The Hub is well supported, and decisions are made by a Group Manager and four Team managers, as to whether thresholds are met for intervention. Multi agency working is very positive and progressive in the hub who undertake our Early Help Assessments.

The Referral and Assessment Service benefits from a Group Manager overseeing the Team Managers and another Group Manager supporting Practice Development. The service undertakes the assessments of all new families. All assessments are reviewed at 10 days for progress and 95% are completed withing 45 days.

We are conscious of transfer points for families whose children become a Child in Need or a Child Subject to a Child Protection Plan and will be reviewing in 2024

**ATLAS**

The ATLAS team is a non-case holding team led by a Team Manager. The team oversees all children at risk of or are victim of all forms of exploitation. The team offer tracks children through the MEGA panel (Missing Exploitation Gang Affiliation). The objective of the team is to identify children and young people who are at risk of or experiencing sexual/criminal exploitation, missing, modern slavery, and extremism. The aim being to reduce the risk and vulnerability of the child and support families to bring about positive change and outcomes. The service is a wraparound service in Childrens Social Care and provides consultation, support and guidance to social work colleagues and works effectively in partnership with all agencies supporting and protecting this cohort of children.

**Staying Together Team**

Often known as an Edge of Care team, the team supports Social Workers across Referral and Assessment and Safeguarding Services, works closely with ATLAS team colleagues, partner agencies. The remit of the team is to support children and their families in remaining at home or in wider family and avoid entering into care.