

EVERY CHILD MATTERS FORUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(A Children, Young People and Family Services Network)
Facilitated by Sefton Council for Voluntary Services (CVS)

Aims & Objectives

The primary aim of the ECM Forum in Sefton is to encourage the development of a coordinated, strategic approach to local services, embedding best practice that enables quality outcomes for children, young people and families to be achieved, whilst encouraging increased multi-agency working and the incorporation of integrated processes.

The key statutory agencies, Sefton Council and Sefton CCG's, invest resource in the ECM Forum and the Children, Young People and Families Lead in recognition that partnerships influenced by the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) support the achievement of key health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and families.

The ECM Forum enables a platform for the VCFS to lead on facilitating and influencing integrated approaches that include:

- Information and practice sharing
- Consultation and participation
- Interagency networking and joint delivery of services
- Multi agency training
- Evaluation
- Celebration and learning
- Consortium development
- Joint Commissioning

The work of the ECM Forum is under-pinned by priorities relating to the Sefton Health & Wellbeing Strategy, Sefton's Children and Young People's Plan and the needs represented by the service users fed in by our member organisations.

Network Membership

The ECM Forum exists to benefit both organisations and individuals within all sectors who work with Children, Young People and Families whether on a paid or voluntary basis. This includes membership of the Public, Private, Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector organisations delivering services in Sefton.

Membership Rights

All members will:

1. Be informed of all network meetings at least 14 days in advance of the proposed date
2. Have the opportunity to attend network meetings and related events. There are currently 4 network meetings held each year with additional focused meetings for consultation when required.
3. To receive the ECM Forum updates

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