

Multi Agency Support Teams (MAST)

MAST is a service consisting of six multi-disciplinary teams: MAST Acton-Ealing; MAST Hanwell; MAST Greenford-Northolt and MAST Southall and two Specialist Adolescent teams working from Westside Youth Centre.

The MAST service provides statutory assessments and care planning to children who are the subject of Child Protection and Child In Need plans. They also carry out pre-birth assessments and care planning.

Each team is managed by a Team Manager and made up of 3 - 4 smaller pods staffed by a Deputy Team Manager, Social Workers, Family Practitioners and a Practice Support Officer. The MAST teams are supported by the Clinical Psychology Service.

The **Adolescent MAST teams** specialise in delivering assessments and intensive interventions to young people aged 11yrs to 17yrs and their families with the aim of preventing family breakdown and young people coming into care. The teams provide intensive relational work with parent/ carers or to assist a young person to become more resilient and independent by linking them into other supportive or professional networks. The team offers a range of interventions similar to those of the other MAST teams. Adolescent MAST teams work closely with the Contextual Safeguarding Team where young people are at risk of extra familial harm and exploitation.

Children With Disabilities team. Services for children with disabilities in Ealing are provided by a multi-agency service, ESCAN (Ealing Service for Children with Additional Needs). This is a joint initiative between Ealing Community Partners and Ealing Council. The service acts as a single point of information, providing improved access to referral, assessment and appropriate help for children and young people with disabilities in the borough

The **Intervention Team** works alongside ECIRS. The team aims to offer a timely response to children, young people and families who may benefit from brief intervention (rather than longer-term involvement from other statutory teams or the SAFE service) after a referral has been made to ECIRS.

The Intervention Team works with children and families on a consent basis and offers a highly collaborative approach, involving them and partner agencies in setting plans for the brief intervention. Children and young people's voices are integral to all aspects of the work.

Ealing Children's Integrated Response Service (ECIRS)

ECIRS is the single point of entry 'front door' for all enquiries/referrals from professionals and the public regarding the welfare or safety of a child or young person.

ECIRS is a multi-agency service led by a social care team manager and staffed by deputy managers, social workers, family practitioners and information and advice officers. Domestic abuse workers also sit within the team.

ECIRS encompasses the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) which involves professionals from Social Care, Health and the Police plus other agencies sharing and risk managing referrals where the risk to a child is unknown, unclear or complex. ECIRS assess concerns and make informed decisions about level of need and next steps to support and safeguard a child/young person and help their family. ECIRS offers information and advice to parents, carers and partner agencies and signposts families to appropriate services —Early

Help including SAFE or Parenting services or Children's Social Care teams where a statutory assessment for Child in Need or Child Protection Investigation is needed.