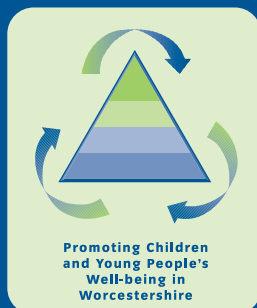




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**Special edition for the Early Intervention Budget launch!**

# Newsletter

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Welcome to this special edition of the IWP newsletter to celebrate the launch of the Early Intervention Budget.

You will find out what the budget is, why we have launched it in Worcestershire and how you can apply for funding.

**Jessica Glenn**, Project Manager

## Find out more!

A number of drop-in sessions will take place in October so you can find out more. We know you are busy people so have designed the sessions to last no more than 30 minutes so you can fit it in between seeing children and families or your meetings. At the session you will be given a short sharp introduction, look at some examples, have an opportunity to ask questions and receive the guidance to go in your CAF Toolkit.

### When can I find out more?

The three sessions will take place on:

- Tuesday 6 October at Perdiswell Young Person's Leisure Centre, Worcester: 1.30 pm; 2.10 pm; 2.50 pm and 3.30 pm
- Wednesday 7 October at Kidderminster Library: 10.00 am; 10.40 am; 11.20 am and 12.00 midday
- Tuesday 20 October at Finstall Centre, Bromsgrove: 10.00 am; 10.40 am; 11.20 am and 12.00 midday

More details were emailed to everyone who has attended either the CAF Practitioners or Manager's training sessions at the beginning of September. However, if you did not receive your invitation and would like to attend or find out more, please contact Anne Williams on 01905 728855 or by email at [awilliams4@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:awilliams4@worcestershire.gov.uk). There will be limited numbers at each session, so book your place as soon as you receive your invitation.



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## Early Intervention Budget Quick Guide

### What is the Early Intervention Budget?

The Early Intervention Budget is designed to meet lower level needs as part of the early intervention/prevention agenda.

The specified needs will have been identified as a result of a Common Assessment and have specified outcomes for the child/young person or family.

It should not be used to purchase any service which is the statutory responsibility for someone else to provide – i.e. the budget should not be used so that agencies can avoid paying for services, or as a means for short-circuiting other processes. For example, it is the responsibility of registered social landlords to repair properties.

### Why is the Early Intervention Budget important?

The Early Intervention Budget is closely linked to the CAF process and can be accessed when you complete a Common Assessment on a child or young person. It can pay for goods or services identified in the Common Assessment that will help to achieve a positive outcome for the child or young person.





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### What can the budget be used for?

There are very few exclusions from the budget, the main one being that it cannot be used for anything that another agency has a responsibility to pay for. For example, we cannot pay for house repairs that are the legal responsibility of a landlord.

Apart from that, it needs to be linked to outcomes for the child or young person which have been identified through the CAF process.

There have been a few examples already in Worcestershire. A young girl had a scout uniform bought for her to help her social integration as both parents were out of work and could not afford the uniform.

The budget was used to pay for a bedroom to be divided into two as two sisters were sharing but one has dialysis every day which can take several hours.

### How do I apply for funding?

There is a short application form which practitioners will complete and send, along with a copy of the Common Assessment, to the area CAF Coordinator who will make a decision within five working days.

### What do I do next?

Come along to one of the drop-in sessions and find out more. If you are completing a Common Assessment before the launch and think that you might have a need for extra resources to achieve the outcomes, then speak to your area CAF Coordinator, details below.



## Key points of Early Intervention Budget

The budget is:

- Linked to the Common Assessment and can only be accessed by completing a Common Assessment
- Designed to meet lower level needs as part of the early intervention/prevention agenda in Worcestershire
- Easy to access
- Part of the Integrated Working Programme
- To help children and young people in Worcestershire achieve the best possible outcomes they can.



For more information about the Early Intervention Budget, you can contact your area CAF Coordinator, details below.

Your area CAF Coordinators are:

**Sarah McMorro** covers Tenbury, Wyre Forest, Hagley and Droitwich.

Tel: **01562 757867**

**Jeff Barnard** covers Redditch and Bromsgrove.

Tel: **01527 556168**

**Donna Parker** covers Evesham, Pershore, Malvern, Martley and Worcester.

Tel: **01905 765787**

**Or you can contact Anne Williams on 01905 72885 or by email on [awilliams4@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:awilliams4@worcestershire.gov.uk)**

For further information or to become involved, contact Jessica Glenn, Project Manager

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