

Early Support is a way of working that helps to identify children's needs early and respond in a way that ensures the child, young person and their family feel more in control. ESCO is underpinned by the '10 Early Support Principles'. These principles include enabling children, young people and their families to make informed choices and participate in shaping and developing the services that they use, valuing the uniqueness of children, young people and their families and ensuring service delivery is holistic, co-ordinated and seamless.

More information about Early Support can be found at the national website at:
www.ncb.org.uk/earlysupport



Further information can be obtained by contacting ESCO directly:

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Early Support Care Co-ordination



ESCO works alongside children and young people with a disability and their families, providing timely support and care co-ordination that places families at the heart of decision making about their child

What do we do?

ESCO is committed to improving the delivery of services for disabled children, young people and their families. It enables services to co-ordinate their activity better and provide families with a single point of contact and continuity through key working and face to face information sharing and signposting.

ESCO ensures that service delivery is child, young person and family centred. It focuses on supporting services and practitioners to work in partnership with children, young people and their families.

ESCO is committed to raising standards for children with disabilities within Lincolnshire and can provide a service for children and young people between the ages of birth to 18 years while unmet care co-ordination needs are present from their disability. This can include:

- Long term complex health needs including those with disability
- Life limiting conditions and palliative care
- Cognitive, sensory and/or physical impairment that significantly impacts on daily living
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Children and young people whose behaviour is associated with other impairments such as severe learning disabilities

What service can we offer?

ESCO Drop-in appointment:

A drop-in appointment provides the opportunity for parents/carers to meet with an ESCO Key Worker for an appointment to discuss the available information, services and support in Lincolnshire. ESCO offers one hour sessions for parents/carers at a convenient Children's Centre and parents/carers can book a drop-in appointment directly with Lincolnshire's Customer Services Centre on: **01522 782111**

ESCO Care Co-ordination:

ESCO facilitates a multi-agency support network, with an ESCO Key Worker providing a single point of contact to prioritise the child or young person's needs through regular review meetings. To access care co-ordination requires an involved professional completing a Early Help Assessment (EHA) and logging the request with Lincolnshire's Customer Service Centre on: **01522 782111**. The EHA is screened to determine if ESCO can support the unmet needs. If allocated, a Key Worker from the ESCO team will visit the family at home to further explain about care co-ordination and discuss arrangements for the initial ESCO review meeting.

