

# Parents Advocacy, Guidance and Empowerment (PAGE) Project.

## Access and Referral Criteria.

- PAGE referrals can be accepted from the following:
  - ⇒ Individuals directly (self-referrals).
  - ⇒ From their family, friends or voluntary sector organisations (third-party).
  - ⇒ From other services/agencies (Early Help Teams, Children's social workers, solicitors etc.).
- Referrals will normally be taken over the telephone, but may also be made by email.
- Sandwell Advocacy will act as a single point of contact for referrals.
- The PAGE Referral Form will be the primary document used to identify those who meet this criteria.
- Initial Assessments will be conducted within 7 working days of the referral being taken unless there is a specific reason why this isn't possible.
- All referrals must be resident in Sandwell and be a person with a learning disability or autism and:
  - ⇒ Are part of the Early Help process.
  - ⇒ There is an agreed Child in Need plan.
  - ⇒ Where matters have been escalated to a child protection plan and subject to a Section 47 enquiry.
  - ⇒ Where a child or children have been removed and are subject to interim care orders.
  - ⇒ Where Children are at risk of care proceedings and/or
  - ⇒ The parents are subject to a parent's assessment (PAMS) where there are child protection concerns.
  - ⇒ ***Or are at risk of escalating to any of the above.***

- All PAGE referrals must have a specific and identified advocacy issue and/or an independent living skills need.
- To be eligible to access the PAGE independent living skills support referrals must require greater intervention than that currently offered by existing providers and/or Children's Centres. The PAGE project will not duplicate parenting support services that already exist to which referrals can be signposted.
- Where a referral is received from an **agency** or **third party**, we must be satisfied that the individual being referred has consented to them passing on their details to us.