

Meaning of some of the terms used in this consultation

Term	What this means
Provider	The organisation we have commissioned (paid) to deliver the service on behalf of Warwickshire County Council.
Commissioning	The cycle of assessing needs of people in an area, designing, and then achieving appropriate outcomes. It is a process for deciding how to use the total resource available to improve outcomes in the most effective, equitable and sustainable way.
Pathways	In this consultation this term is used to define the route or 'path' through services individuals and families take when they have a baby. This includes antenatal support through to post-natal support and up to when a child is five years old. It also refers to the transitions or connections between different services.
Early Help	Refers to all the support available to children, young people and families before formal intervention. This includes universal services that are designed to improve outcomes for all people such as Children & Family centres, open access youth services and health visiting. Whilst led by Local Authorities, the local offer includes the work of a wide range of agencies, including the health system, schools and the voluntary and community sector.
Tendering	The process used to purchase services which is usually done through issuing a service specification of what is required and invites those who wish to run the services to bid against each other. The choice of who wins the contract is normally determined by a combination of quality and cost.
Procurement	Refers to the purchasing of specified services. Covering the entire process of identifying the needs of services through to acquisition of services/goods.