

## Guidance – Banding Thresholds

### Specialist Foster Care

Band Level	Guidance
Band Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children who have experienced developmental trauma that requires parenting and care over and above that of mainstream foster placements.</li><li>• Children who are at risk of being placed in an out of jurisdiction placement or residential setting due to the extreme and persistent challenge they present or the significant risks they pose to themselves, other children or adults.</li><li>• Children with neurodiversity conditions</li></ul>
Band Level 2	<p>As above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children who have learning disabilities which require a high level of care</li><li>• Children whose additional needs are best met by SEN provision</li><li>• Children who are not in school or are on an alternative out of school curriculum</li></ul>
Band Level 3	<p>As above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children with severe disabilities which require a high level of care</li><li>• Children with complex developmental / medical conditions which require a high level of care</li><li>• Children with life-limiting illness</li></ul>