

Appendix A

THRESHOLD

	No additional support required – Services for all children and families	Possible indicators to be determined by assessment	Possible agency involvement	Available Assessment Tools
<u>Level 1 Universal</u>	Children where there is no concern regarding health, development, family, social and/or environmental factors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children accessing universal services, attending school regularly, appear stable, meeting developmental milestones 	Any Universal Services	Routine assessments as required
<u>Level 2 Need for Support</u>	Need for support – Services for children and families with identified needs	Possible indicators to be determined by assessment	Possible agency involvement	Available Assessment Tools
<u>CAF WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS LEVEL</u>	Children whose health and development may be adversely affected by family, social and/or environmental factors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children who are regularly missing key health appointments, mental or physical health difficulties. Early signs of risk taking behaviour eg, substance misuse, criminal activity School absence, missing key education meetings or needing educational support Concerns regarding domestic abuse, isolated or unsupported carer, or presenting management problems to parent/carers 	Level 1 Services plus additional support form one or more service.	Common Assessment Framework SEN Code of Practice APIR Asset/Onset
<u>Level 3 Child Welfare Concern</u>	Child Welfare Concerns - families with complex	Possible indicators to be determined by assessment	Possible agency involvement	Assessment

	problems			
<u>CAF WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS LEVEL</u>	Children & young people who may be at risk due to concerns regarding parenting, family, social and environmental factors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emotional/behavioural disorder ▪ Poor/ non attendance ▪ Beyond parental control and/or considered for an anti-social behaviour order ▪ Homeless ▪ Chronic ill health, terminal illness or severe disability. ▪ Child and/or siblings previously or currently subject to a Child Protection Plan. ▪ Siblings of Looked After Children ▪ Children with mental health/well being issues ▪ Unaccompanied children/asylum seekers ▪ Parents lifestyle means that they are unable to meet the child's needs. ▪ Domestic violence issues ▪ Substance misuse issues. 	Level 1 & 2 Services Plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services ▪ Willis House Learning Disability Team ▪ Specialist health or nursing provision ▪ Children's Social Care Team ▪ Community Drugs and Alcohol Team 	CAF Framework for Assessment for Children and Families in need. Initial Assessment Core Assessment
<u>Level 4 Need for protection</u>	Need for Protection – High risk of family breakdown	Possible indicators to be determined by assessment	Possible agency involvement	Available Assessment Tools
<u>NB CAF would normally have been undertaken previously – unusual for significant harm to arise as unexpected incident.</u>	Children experiencing significant harm or where there is a likelihood of significant harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to a Child Protection Plan • Breakdown of care arrangements • Parents unable to provide care • Risk taking extreme behaviour • Disappear and/or missing from 	Services at Levels 1, 2 + 3 plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specialist multi-agency funded placements 	Child Protection enquiries Framework for Assessment Core Assessment

<u>incident.</u>		home regularly • Households where parents/carers have mental health, substance dependency and/or domestic violence.	▪ Knowsley Adoption and Fostering Service ▪ Residential Services ▪ Probation Services	
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N.B. BEST practice dictates that consent should be sought for the sharing of information. Practitioners can share information without parental consent if they feel this is in the best interest of the child.