

Hover over underlined words to access guidance on certain areas of the pathway

Child led care needs	Care needs met	Early signals of unmet needs			Emerging signs, some indicators of unmet needs		Clear signs and indicators, noticeable unmet needs		Neglect present, significant unmet needs	
THRESHOLD	Universal services	Universal services undertake low level actions [usually do not warrant report to Local Authority]			Extra Help [now via Consideration Form]		Targeted Help s.17 Child in Need		Statutory planning via Child Protection	
ACTIONS	Typical offer: ○ Guidance ○ Informal conversations ○ Signposting to useful services Single agency recording as appropriate	Offer: ○ Guidance ○ Support ○ Signposting to useful services FAMILY SNAPSHOT / IDENTIFICATION TOOL used for professional reflection and/or low level signposting, guidance and gathering information. Activities include: ● Identify ● Know what the child is saying/feeling ● Respond ● Record ● Set timeframes ● Help and observe ● Review [x3] ● Basic triage if required ● Initial exploration of wider family support with parents and child ● Note any changes observed ● Update ● Make recommendations			Offer: ○ Guidance ○ Support ○ Proactive access to local resources FAMILY SNAPSHOT / IDENTIFICATION TOOL used for measured assessment and formal planning; must be developed and shared with child and family, and other professionals. Activities include: ● Identify ● Report what the child is saying/feeling ● Respond ● Record <i>with</i> family members ● Time limited planning ● Proactive support and observe ● Consent ● Triage multi-agency view ● Involve wider family support ● Review [x6] ● Note any changes observed ● Update Analysis ● Make recommendations		Offer: ○ Guidance ○ Support ○ Agency specific support IDENTIFICATION TOOL used for targeted assessment and measured progress. Must be developed and shared with child and family, and other professionals. Activities include: ● Consent ● Direct work with the child ● Respond ● Record ● Proactive support and observe ● Multi-agency involvement ● Involve wider family support ● Time limited plan ● Observe ● Review ● Note any changes observed ● Update & Analysis ● Make recommendations		Offer: ○ Guidance ○ Support ○ Statutory interventions IDENTIFICATION TOOL used for targeted assessment, measured progress and statutory evidence. Must be developed and shared with child and family, and other professionals. Activities include: ● Consent ● Multi-agency involvement – Social Work lead ● Time limited plan ● Proactive support and observe ● Multi-agency involvement ● wider family support ● Time limited plan ● Observe ● Review ● Note changes ● Update & Analysis ● Make recommendations	
	OPTIONS (at agreed review period)	Need more help	Positive change	No Change	Rapidly need more at any stage	Positive change	No Change Or need more support	Positive sustained change	No Change Or need more support	Positive sustained change
	Move to early signals of unmet need	Universal services	Move to Extra Help	Consult Front Door	Universal services	Consult Front Door	Universal services	Strategy Discussion Potential ICPC & agreement for CP planning	Undergo period of s.17 Child in Need planning	Pursue lawful intervention
							SNAPSHOT & IDENTIFICATION TOOLS SIT WITH LEAD PRACTITIONER			