

BIRMINGHAM'S THRESHOLD FRAMEWORK FOR TRIAGE CATEGORIES

Threshold	1. Universal Children with no additional needs Has needs met within universal provision. May need limited intervention to avoid needs arising	2. Early Help – Children with additional needs Has additional needs identified that can be met within identified resources through a single agency response and robust partnership working	3. Statutory Social Care – Children with complex multiple needs Statutory service to address complex – <u>multiple</u> needs or is in need of protection
Child developmental needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good education attendance above 90% Meeting developmental & learning milestones Has emotional well-being Ability to protect self and be protected Resilient and able to adapt to change Physically healthy Age-appropriate self care & independence skills Positive sense of self and abilities Ability to express needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about impact of absence/truancy, exclusion from school Concerns about isolated children not accessing services Persistent poor behaviour in school and risk of persistent social exclusions Mental health issues affecting development needs, including concerns about self harm Children frequently missing from home Disability or additional special educational needs Potential for becoming or is not in education, employment or training Concerns about difficulty in achieving in education Concerns about meeting developmental milestones Missing health appointments/delayed response in ensuring child's health needs met Early signs of offending/anti-social behaviour Concerns about being drawn into anti-social or criminal behaviour, including gang involvement and association with organised crime groups Concerns about under-age sexual activity/inappropriate age related sexualised behaviours Concerns about early signs of drug/alcohol misuse Low level emotional & behavioural issues that may be linked to attachment and/or emotional development delay Concerns about children who were previously in care, children who do not live with their birth parents i.e. adopted children, Special Guardianship Orders, Kinship Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serious concerns about impact of significant and complex learning/physical disability on child's welfare Regular missed health appointments with evidence of acute negative impact on child's development Chronic drug/alcohol misuse impacting negatively on child's welfare/development Peer on peer abuse with significant negative impact Significant harmful sexual behaviour including persistent evidence of inappropriate sexual knowledge and behaviour for age Significant evidence of exploitation (e.g. sexual, criminal, gang affiliation and drug exploitation) Severe and complex mental health issues affecting development needs, including significant self harm Acute risk of failure to thrive Teenage parent/pregnancy under the age of 13/or having sex (statutory rape) Child victims of modern slavery, human trafficking, involved in terrorist activity Chronic risk of harm from consistently missing from home Unaccompanied minors Unexplained non-accidental, suspicious injury Non-mobile child with unexplained bruising Evidence of physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect
Family and environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable relationships with caregivers Housed, good diet and kept healthy Supportive networks Access to positive activities Positive relationships with peers Attending health appointments, including those for pregnant mothers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental decay due to poor hygiene Chronic/recurring health problems Concerns about emotional/mental health issues Concerns about impact on upon children who are young carers Poor or unstable parent/child relationships Concerns about being bullied or bullying behaviour Poor housing & home environment impacting on child Concerns about impact of community harassment/discrimination Risk of relationship breakdown/inter-parental conflict Concerns about domestic abuse and coercive control Family bereavement Concerns about pregnant mother with safeguarding risk factors Concerns regarding internet safety Concerns about teenage pregnancy Housing tenancy at risk Concerns about transient and avoidant families Concerns of potential vulnerabilities to radicalisation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person posing a risk to a child No recourse to public funds Unborn child placed at risk, previous children or siblings removed Severe and chronic dental decay Imminent risk of family homelessness 16/17 year old presenting as homeless Domestic abuse resulting in child being at risk of significant harm Forced marriage, honour based violence, female genital mutilation Allegation of harm by a person in a position of trust Private fostering
Parent & Carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protected by carers Secure and caring home Receive and act on information, advice and guidance Age appropriate boundaries maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent care arrangements Poor relationships impacting upon child's development Low income/poverty impacting upon child's welfare Poor supervision by parent/carer Concerns about parent's own health needs impacting on child Poor response to child's physical, emotional or health needs Historic context of parents/carers own childhood, i.e. adverse childhood experiences Controlled or stable substance abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parental learning or physical disability impacting upon child's welfare and safety Significant concerns about substance misuse or mental health impacting on parenting Fabricated or induced illness. (Parent or carer exaggerations or deliberately causes symptoms of illness in a child) Parental disguised compliance Persistent failure to meet a child's basic, physical and/or psychological needs Imminent risk of significant harm due to poor supervision Developmental milestones not being consistently met due to persistent failure of parenting Persistent evidence of negative impact of parental/carers relationship breakdown on the child

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