# Thresholds tables – Child/young person's developmental needs

# Abuse and neglect thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Concerns emerging about child's hygiene/clothing and diet, few opportunities for	Consistent concerns raised about child's hygiene/clothing and diet,	Disclosures of physical and sexual harm.
play and socialisation, poor school attendance.	few opportunities for play and socialisation, consistently poor school	Over-chastisement outside of legal limits.
Child not reaching development milestones, health needs mostly being	attendance.	Child presents with unexplained injuries or inconsistent explanation.
met.	development milestones, health needs not always being met.	Child not reaching development milestones despite sustained intervention, health needs not met.
	Parents struggling to provide adequate care, minor mental health difficulties, and non- problematic drug and alcohol misuse.	Parental behaviour of problematic and chronic drug and alcohol misuse that exposes child or unborn potential harm. Impact and exposure to domestic abuse.
	At risk of any child exploitation.	Child is exposed to unrelenting exposure to dangerous situations in the home/ community.
		Severe complex parental mental health or learning disability that impairs parenting roles places child or unborn at risk of harm.
		Disclosures and/or consistent chronology of chronic neglect about a child's lack of adequate clothing/housing/diet/access to education/access to health, needs not being met, and parents not able to provide good enough care that is impacting on the child or unborn.
		Child has been abandoned.
		Child/young person subject to or at significant risk of sexual or criminal exploitation, trafficked.
		Female Genital Mutilation as either a perpetrator or victim.

# Learning, education and employment thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Child is not making expected progress.	Consistently underachieving despite sustained	Significant delay/impairment to developmental milestones.
Additional support needed to meet all development milestones; at risk of becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training).	interventions, where this may not otherwise be attributed to an identified SEN or developmental need.	

#### Health thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Early indication of child's	Child has physical or mental	Complex physical or mental
unmet physical or mental	health condition or disability	health condition or disability
health condition or disability.	which impacts affects daily functioning.	has significant adverse impact on the child.
Child not brought to some		
health appointments or	Child not brought to a number	Child not brought to health
immunisations.	of health appointments or immunisations.	appointments or immunisations.
No physical activity/ unhealthy		
diet impacting on child's	No physical activity/unhealthy	No physical activity/unhealthy
health.	diet seriously impacting on	diet seriously impacting on
	child's health despite sustained	health and placing at risk of
Early signs that child's drug or	interventions.	significant harm despite
alcohol use is having a		sustained interventions.
negative impact on social	Substance misuse impacting	
wellbeing.	on child's wellbeing.	Child's substance misuse placing child at significant risk
		of harm.

# Emotional wellbeing thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Poor self-esteem child requires additional emotional	Poor self-esteem/sense of identity impacts on daily	Negative sense of self leading to significant harm.
support.	outcomes.	Concern of suicide or self-harm,
Early signs that child's drug or alcohol use is having a negative impact on social	Substance misuse impacting on child's wellbeing.	failing to meet development milestones.
wellbeing.		Child is exploited and harmed by others as a result; development significantly
		impaired; self-harming or suicidal; at high risk of Child Exploitation.

#### Social development thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Child has limited social	Child is socially isolated;	Child is completely isolated;
interaction; language and	significant communication	little or no communication skills
communication difficulties.	difficulties, negative	or positive interaction with
	interactions and lack of	others, negative interactions
Victim or perpetrator of bullying – some support	respect.	and lack of respect.
required.	Victim or perpetrator or	Victim or perpetrator of
	persistent or severe bullying	persistent or severe bullying
	despite universal interventions.	which places wellbeing at risk.

#### **Behaviour thresholds**

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Child displaying lack of age appropriate self-control; risk of negative use of internet and social behaviour.	Child displaying regular lack of age appropriate self-control. Regularly displaying disruptive behaviour.	Child displaying little or no age appropriate self-control. Child's behaviour which poses a significant risk to others including other children.
	Engaged in or victim of harmful use of internet with social media.	Involvement in negative, antisocial or criminal behaviour and at greater risk of being
	Caring responsibilities with negative impact.	groomed or exploited by others.
	Negative and intolerant interaction with others.	

### **Environmental factors thresholds**

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Early indication of unmet housing needs such as affordability, suitability and property condition.	Unmet housing needs due to affordability, suitability, property condition and domestic abuse.	Unsafe housing due to suitability, property condition and domestic abuse, and/or are currently homeless. 16 and 17- year-old young people who are at risk of homelessness. No recourse to public funds.

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Short lived sympathy for	Expresses support for	Involved in extremism and
violent/ extreme ideology.	extremism and violence.	violence;,significant concern
		child young person is being
Child expresses sympathy/	Child is being sent violent	groomed for involvement in
verbal support for inappropriate ideologies but	extremist imagery by family member/friends or is being	extremist activity.
is open to other views and	helped to access it.	Strong links with extremist
can discuss the pros and		individuals/ groups.
cons of different viewpoints.	Negative behaviour associated	
	with extremism.	Child is circulating violent
		extremist images and is
		promoting the actions of violent
		extremist and/or saying that they
		will carry out violence in support of extremist views.
		Persistently missing from home -
		concerns around extremism.

#### Criminal or antisocial behaviour thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Evidence of antisocial behaviour or low-level criminal behaviour	Has associations /affiliation with negative peer groups in offending behaviour.	Involved in persistent, serious criminal activity of a sexual or violent nature or the offence of possession with intent to supply
	Involved in persistent low-level criminal activity.	drugs.
		There is known involvement in gang/ organised crime activity impacting significantly on day to day life.

# Missing from home thresholds

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Child has been missing	Child has been missing from	Child/young person persistently
from home with no factors	home and there are some	(3 times in 3 months) missing
relating to exploitation or	concerns that they are running	and are at risk of being
family conflict.	away in order to spend time with	exploited. At risk of
	others who have risk factors/	involvement in Crime/country
	behaviours that are influencing	lines;
	them.	Child sexual exploitation.
	Possible risk factors: ASB: Crime/ County lines.	Terrorism/extremism views.
		Children under 11 years who
	Substance or alcohol misuse:	has had a missing episode
	sexual activity; child sexual exploitation.	irrespective of timescales.
		Children persistently missing
	Terrorism/extremism views.	from education who are not
		home schooled.