

## Thresholds tables – Parental and family factors

### Protection from harm, physical and sexual abuse

<b>Universal</b>	<b>Early Help</b>	<b>Safeguarding</b>
<p>Parents can take appropriate action to safeguard their child when they have been harmed by people outside of the family i.e. a peer, or within the community and engaged with the right support services.</p> <p>Indicators of accidental harm, over presenting for health care; use of physical chastisement within legal limits that is impacting on child/young person's emotional well-being.</p> <p>Parents can protect and act appropriately from extended family pressures, cultural and traditional practices that may be prevalent.</p>	<p>Parents need help and support to take appropriate action to safeguard their child when they have been harmed by people outside of the family. i.e. a peer, or within the community.</p> <p>Some exposure to criminal activity which impacts on the child.</p> <p>Parental conflict.</p> <p>Exposure to online grooming or emerging unhealthy sexualised behaviours between peers.</p> <p>Ongoing and numerous incidents indicators of accidental harm, over presenting for health care.</p>	<p>Parents cannot safeguard their child from harm.</p> <p>Unable to protect or seek appropriate support when a child/young person has been harmed by people outside of the family i.e. a peer, or within the community.</p> <p>Repeated incidents of domestic abuse in the home.</p> <p>Unable to keep child/young person safe due to exposure to significant criminal activity of violent crime.</p> <p>Family heard at MARAC due to serious level of domestic abuse.</p> <p>Persistent low level of domestic incident with no engagement or behaviour change.</p> <p>Parents are unable to protect child from grooming or exposure to sexualised harm.</p> <p>Parents are prompting illegal cultural practices of forced marriage, female genital mutilation.</p>

### Neglect

<b>Universal</b>	<b>Early Help</b>	<b>Safeguarding</b>
<p>Concerns that child/young person's physical and material needs may not always be being met, increasing their vulnerability within the home, community.</p>	<p>Evidence that the child/young person's physical and material needs are not always being met and this is starting to impact on the child's wellbeing.</p>	<p>The child/young person's physical and material needs are not adequately met and impacts on the child's wellbeing and safety, increasing their vulnerability within the home community on a persistent basis.</p> <p>Child/young person has been rejected or abandoned.</p>

## Domestic abuse

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Parent / Carers subject to historical and / or low level domestic abuse with no wider additional needs identified	<p>Parent/carer subject to historical and / or current domestic abuse and additional needs identified</p> <p>Domestic abuse within the family with limited sign of a change or recognition of adverse emotional impact.</p> <p>Child shows signs of abusive behaviours such as child / adolescent to parent violence and abuse (CAPVA)</p>	<p>There is instability and abuse in the home continually with limited or no willingness for change</p> <p>High level risk child adolescent to parent violence and abuse with limited or no willingness for change</p> <p>Parent a subject of MARAC.</p>

## Parental conflict

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Parent/carers who are either together or separated manage conflict safely and constructively, in a 'healthy' co-parenting relationship which does not negatively impact on their children.	<p>Parent/carers who are either together or separated are entrenched in arguments that are frequent and poorly resolved however there is not an imbalance of power or fear.</p> <p>Conflict can range from a lack of warmth and emotional distance, right through to swearing and shouting. The relationship might be classed as "difficult", but it is not abusive albeit will still negatively impact on their children.</p>	<p>This is no longer parental conflict and there is an imbalance of power between co-parents, whether together or separated, and fear within the co-parenting relationship. This is Domestic Abuse – refer to Domestic Abuse thresholds in the guidance.</p>

## Perinatal period

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Ambivalent to/irregular take up of ante/post-natal care; struggles to parent effectively but open to support.	<p>Limited attendance or engagement ante/post-natal care.</p> <p>Additional support due to postnatal mental health or parenting.</p>	<p>Does not access ante/post-natal care or is suffering from post-natal depression which impacts on the child.</p> <p>Sustained difficulties in parenting effectively and will not accept support</p>

## Extremism

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Some support of extreme views or ideology, but no evidence of active involvement with extremism organisation.	Family members, parents or carers expose child/young person to involvement in activity that supports or endorses extremism.	Family members, parents or carers involve child/young person in activity that supports or endorses extremism.

## Drug and alcohol use

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Emerging concerns of parents/ carers drug or alcohol use which could impact on the child	<p>Previous history or ongoing evidence of problematic drug and alcohol use by a family member.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of the impact on the child or the worries the child may be experiencing about parental usage.</p>	<p>High risk level (chaotic drug usage, IV drug usage and alcohol dependency/ regular binge drinking) whereby capacity is impacted.</p> <p>Child/unborn exposed to substance misuse, drug seeking behaviours, impact on family finances and possible exposure to criminal activity.</p>

## Physical ill health or disability

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
Parental learning disability/ difficulty requires some additional support. Child has some caring responsibility which does not impact on the child.	<p>Concerns due to parental learning disability/difficulty rendering the child more vulnerable.</p> <p>The child is vulnerable due to age, illness, disability or behaviour/ emotional issues. Child has some caring responsibilities and requires additional support.</p>	<p>There is no other adult that can be depended upon to meet the needs of the child. (Children or lone parents or isolated parents are at greater risk as they are less likely to have an alternative caregiver)</p> <p>The child has caregiving responsibilities which significantly impact on their health and wellbeing and childhood experiences.</p>

## Adult mental ill health

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
<p>Changes in the child's behaviour since the onset of the parent/ carer's mental health.</p>	<p>The presenting mental ill health (including the effect of medication/treatment) is impacting on parent/carer's capability to consistently meet the needs of the child.</p>	<p>Delusional beliefs/ideas involving the child.</p> <p>Risk that a child will be harmed as part of a suicide plan.</p> <p>The child is a target parental aggression or rejection.</p> <p>Co-existing parent/carer mental ill health, domestic abuse or alcohol/ substance abuse.</p> <p>The child is the parent's carer and this impacts on their health and well- being Parent or carer requires hospital admission and there is no appropriate adult to care for the child.</p>

## Criminal or anti-social behaviour

Universal	Early Help	Safeguarding
<p>Low level criminal activity in family. Concerns impact on the child.</p>	<p>Criminal record relating to violent or serious crimes which may impact on child/young person in the household.</p> <p>Family willing to engage to behaviour change programs. Risk of eviction due to anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Open to MAPPA level 2 or 3. Parents/carers are currently/ historically involved in criminal activities of a serious violent or sexual nature.</p> <p>Parents involve their children in criminal activity and/or associates.</p> <p>Parents/carers are members of organised crime groups which impact on the child and family.</p> <p>Parental criminality resulting in an evidenced risk of reprisal activity and harm to the child.</p>