



If in doubt, consult the Advice and Consultation Social Worker in MASH

Go straight to Level 4 as soon as risk of significant harm suspected

The Continuum Of Need and Response

Whenever possible the service response must be directed at reducing risk and vulnerability and meeting needs at the appropriate, least intrusive level of intervention. The availability of and access to effective early intervention and preventative services is essential in order to achieve this.

Level 1 – Represents children whose needs are met through accessing universal services

Level 2 – Represents children with additional needs that can be met by Single Agency Targeted Service Provision or a Child and Family Multi-Agency Plan (CAF) - CAF Lead Professional / Pre Assessment Checklist

Level 3 – Represents children in need – Child in Need (CIN) s.17 of the Children Act (1989) – Social Care Lead Professional (Commence Single Assessment)

Level 4 – Represents children where there is reasonable cause to suspect the child is suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, requiring immediate multi-agency management and service provision – s.47 of the Children Act (1989) Social Care Lead Professional – (Single Assessment)

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