

# Halton Levels of Need Framework



# Example Possible Indicators

	Definition	Possible Indicators
<b>UNIVERSAL SERVICES</b>	Contact, assessment and support for all children and young people undertaken by any agency involved within Universal Services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entitlement for all children and young people from services such as Health and Education, children's centres and other early years and youth settings.</li> <li>Support received from family, friends and community networks.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 1 – UNIVERSAL PLUS</b>	<p><b>What?</b> – To provide first level of early additional support.</p> <p><b>Why?</b> – To ensure appropriate support, such as brief intervention or longer term input at the earliest stage, subject to on-going review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health issues which may impact on child's development and wellbeing.</li> <li>Child may display behaviour inappropriate to age and stage of development.</li> <li>Requiring support to develop parenting skills to meet the child/children's needs.</li> <li>Family unable to access effective support services to meet specific needs, including environmental factors.</li> <li>Children/young people starting to have absences from school and prevent further escalation.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 2 – MULTI-AGENCY PLANNING</b>	<p><b>What?</b> – Enhanced multi-agency support and planning.</p> <p><b>Why?</b> – To address identified, more complex needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite intervention, child not making consistent progress.</li> <li>Parenting impacting on child and family life causing instability and inconsistency.</li> <li>Children/young people's risk taking behaviour impacting on other areas of their life.</li> <li>Child/young person has caring responsibilities that are having a negative impact on their lives.</li> <li>Child/young person with mental health and emotional well-being and/or behavioural issues.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 3 – MULTI-AGENCY PLAN TO PROTECT FROM HARM</b>	<p><b>What?</b> – Statutory multi-agency planning and support.</p> <p><b>Why?</b> – Child has high level needs, may have suffered from harm or is at risk of harm, or could be encountering issues of compromised care. There is no option but to intervene.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child/young person considered to be a 'Child in Need', due to complex problems and/or risk taking behaviour which result in significant risk of harm. This requires statutory support to maintain a reasonable standard of health and development.</li> <li>Children/young people with severe or complex needs, in relation to disability.</li> <li>Parent/carer has complex issues that significantly compromise care and impact on providing a safe environment for the child.</li> </ul>

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