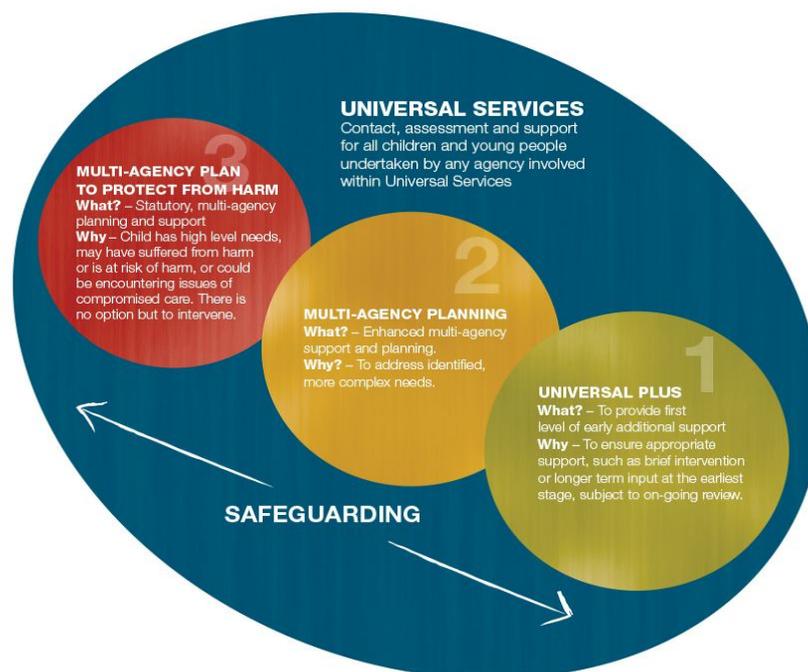


The Halton Levels of Need Framework aims to support agencies to meet the needs of children, young people and their families to ensure the best possible outcomes. It aims to assist practitioners and managers in assessing and identifying a child's level of additional needs and how best to respond in order to meet those needs as early as possible to prevent needs escalating further.

The Framework sets out three levels of additional needs above Universal Services that captures the full range of additional needs as they present. Universal Services remain at the heart of all work with children, young people and their families and are in place for all whether additional needs present themselves or not. The fundamental relationship between Universal Services and the three levels of additional needs is captured in the diagram below:



What this might mean within Transition

Transition is the process of change from being a young person to being an adult. This is a time of great change and opportunity for all young people, but it can also be a difficult time, particularly for young people who have social and health care needs arising from sensory and physical disabilities, long-term conditions, learning disabilities or mental health problems. Within Halton the process begins when children are 14 years of age and can continue beyond the young person's 18th birthday up to the age of 25, depending on circumstances.

Level 1

- Training and support, perhaps around careers advice. Agency involvement might include school or college, Connexions, Jobcentre Plus and Advocacy.

Level 2

- Multi-agency care plan – this could involve support from Children's Social Care, Adult Social Care, Education, Health, including CAMHS, Positive Behaviour Support Service, Connexions and Advocacy.

Level 3

- Adults who due to serious and complex physical, emotional, learning or mental health problems present as a concern in terms of safety, security and risk. Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, CAMHS, Police, Positive Behaviour Support Service, Advocacy and LD Bridges Team/5 Boroughs would be examples of agencies involved in such a case.

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