

Brighton & Hove Threshold Framework

| Threshold | 1. Universal | 2. Early Help | 3. Early Help Partnership Plus | 4. Specialist Services to address Acute & Chronic need |
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| Child developmental needs | Has needs met within universal provision. May need limited intervention within the setting to avoid needs arising. | Has additional needs identified within the setting that can be met within identified resources through a single agency response and partnership working. | Has multiple needs requiring a multi-agency coordinated response. | Has a high level of unmet & complex needs, or is in need of protection. |
| Family & Environment | Good attendance (above 90%) Meeting developmental & learning milestones Has emotional well-being Ability to protect self and be protected Resilient and able to adapt to change Physically healthy Age-appropriate self care & independence skills Positive sense of self and abilities Ability to express needs | Absence/truancy from school Incidence of absence/missing from home Risk of social exclusion Poor relationships Language and communication difficulties Disability or additional special educational needs Potential for becoming NEET Difficulty in achieving in education Slow in meeting developmental milestones Missing health checks/immunisations Minor health problems Early signs of offending/anti-social behaviour Underage sexual activity Early signs of drug/alcohol misuse Poor self-esteem Low level emotional & behavioural issues that may be linked to attachment and/or emotional development delay, e.g. children who were formerly in care (CiC). | Despite intervention at 2, there is evidence of continuing and escalating need: Persistent absence from school Missing from school/ home regularly with no explanation Fixed Term exclusions/no school place Social exclusion Poor relationships No access to universal services Significant disabilities NEET Developmental milestones not being met due to persistent parental failure/inability Chronic/recurring health problems Regular missed appointments affecting developmental progress Teenage pregnancy Drug/alcohol misuse impacting negatively Risky sexual behaviour (e.g. unprotected sex) Offending / anti-social behaviour resulting in risk of entering Youth Justice System Emotional / mental health issues – children formerly CiC | Persistent/continued/severe: Chronic persistent absence, permanent exclusions or no school place that risks entry to the care system Persistent social exclusion Poor relationships Complex / multiple disabilities Complex mental health issues affecting development needs, including self harm High level emotional health issues and very low self-esteem Non-organic failure to thrive Inappropriate sexual knowledge / sexualised behaviour for age Harmful Sexual Behaviour Teenage parent/pregnancy under the age of 13 Sexual/criminal exploitation / abuse Drug/alcohol use severely impairing development Frequently missing from home resulting in self-neglect Relationship breakdown between child & parent Offending and in the criminal justice system Unaccompanied minors Unexplained / suspicious injury |
| Parents & Carers | Stable & affectionate relationships with caregivers Housed, good diet and kept healthy Supportive networks Access to positive activities Positive relationships with peers | Young carers Poor parent/ child relationships Children of prisoners/ parents subject to community orders Bullying Poor housing & home environment impacting on child health Community harassment/ discrimination Low income affects achievement Parenting advice needed to prevent needs escalating Poor access to universal services Risk of relationship breakdown Concerns about possible domestic abuse | Housing tenancy at risk Domestic abuse Community harassment / discrimination Relationship breakdown having adverse impact on children's outcomes Transient families | Suspicion of physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect Domestic abuse resulting in child being at risk of significant harm Homeless child/young person Family intentionally homeless Community harassment/discrimination Extreme poverty affecting child well-being Forced marriage, Honour Based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation |
| Level of assessment | Protected by carers Secure and caring home Receive and act on information, advice and guidance Appropriate boundaries maintained | Inconsistent care arrangements Poor supervision by parent/ carer Poor response to child's physical, emotional or health needs Historic context of parents/ carers own childhood | Parental learning or physical disability, substance misuse or mental health impacts on parenting Inconsistent care arrangements Poor supervision by parent/carer Poor response to identified needs Historic context of parents/carers own childhood Domestic abuse & coercive control | Edge of care Parental encouragement of abusive/offending behaviour Continuing poor supervision in the home Parental non-compliance / superficial co-operation Inconsistent parenting affects child's developmental progress Private fostering |
| Action | Go direct to Service or search the Family Information Service 01273 293545 or 01273 290400/ Option 2 for the Local Offer | Consider commencement of Early Help Strengthening Families Assessment & Consider commencement of Pastoral Support Plan. | Early Help Strengthening Families Assessment & Plan or EHCP. If you require advice or guidance in respect of the child needs contact the Front Door For Families | Contact Front Door For Families on 01273 290400 or if the child is at immediate risk call the Police on 999 |
| Level of assessment | No formal assessment | Commencement of Early Help Assessment/Pastoral Support Plan. | Strengthening Families Early Help Assessment and Plan/EHCP. | Strengthening Families → Child in Need Plan or Child Protection Conference |

Front Door For Families: 01273 290400

