

# Bromley Threshold of Need- Quick Guide

Level of need	Example indicators	How to refer
<b>Level 1: Universal Services</b>  No additional needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>achieving key stages</li> <li>good physical health with age appropriate milestones</li> <li>good quality early attachment, confident in social situations</li> <li>stable families where parents are able to meet the child's needs</li> <li>parents provide secure and caring parenting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Common Assessment is required</li> <li>Children should access universal services in the normal way e.g. education, children's centre, GP, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2: Additional needs</b>  Early Help. Children with low level additional needs that are likely to be short term.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children with development delay</li> <li>low attendance at school</li> <li>young people not in education, employment or training</li> <li>recurring health problems</li> <li>early onset of offending behaviour</li> <li>young parents under 16 years</li> <li>risk taking children</li> <li>early signs of neglectful parenting</li> <li>children affected negatively by parental learning difficulty, substance misuse or mental health</li> <li>isolated incidents of minor physical/emotional violence in family, not witnessed by child</li> </ul>	Referrals for <b>Early Help and Family Support</b> can be made using: <a href="http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200017/children_and_families/533/common_assessment_framework_caf">http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200017/children_and_families/533/common_assessment_framework_caf</a>  <b>Bromley Children Project (BCP)</b> will make contact with the referrer to assess the level of support required. If it is felt that BCP is not the right service, assistance will be given to find a more suitable service.  Tools used at L2 are the <b>Common Assessment Framework</b> and <b>Team Around the Child</b> . Examples of services are Family Support Services, Community Wellbeing Service, Education Welfare, Education Psychology or Targeted Youth Support.
<b>Level 3: Complex Needs</b>  Children with high level additional unmet or complex needs which are likely to require longer term intervention from statutory and/or specialist services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>persistent absence/exclusion from school or missing episodes from home/care</li> <li>education Health and Care Plan</li> <li>chronic health problems</li> <li>self harm</li> <li>pregnant or in sexual relationship (13-16 years)</li> <li>inadequate physical care/supervision of a child</li> <li>serious and/or persistent physical violence in the family</li> <li>child mental health issues requiring specialist intervention</li> <li>parental substance misuse or mental health needs overshadows capacity to meet child's needs</li> <li>child vulnerable to CSE/CCE/risk of grooming / gang affiliation</li> <li>assessment needed to assess risk of FGM</li> <li>child associates with people who hold extremist views</li> </ul>	The <b>Common Assessment Framework</b> can be used as supporting evidence to gain specialist/targeted support at Level 3: <a href="http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200017/children_and_families/533/common_assessment_framework_caf">http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200017/children_and_families/533/common_assessment_framework_caf</a>  Based on need and risk, <u>some</u> cases at Level 3 will require Children's Social Care involvement. If unsure, consult the <b>Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)</b> during office hours. Telephone: <b>0208 461 7309 / 7373 / 7379 / 7026</b> and send the completed referral to form to: <b>mash@bromley.gov.uk</b> Out of hours (emergencies only), telephone: 0300 303 8671.  <u>May</u> be eligible for a Child in Need (S17) service from Children's Social Care.  Agencies involved could be Children's Social Care, Youth Offending Service, CAMHS, GPs and specialist school staff.  <u>Other specialist assessments may be required.</u> Children missing education will be referred to Education Welfare Services.
<b>Level 4: Acute Needs</b>  Children in need of immediate care and protection. Specialist and Statutory Response required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect that may cause significant harm to the child</li> <li>serious domestic violence increasing in frequency/severity</li> <li>parental substance misuse, mental health or disability puts child at risk of harm</li> <li>evidence that child is victim of CSE / CCE/ frequent missing / gang affiliation</li> <li>child with complex mental health needs</li> <li>child's substance misuse is putting them at risk</li> <li>concern that FGM has occurred</li> <li>risk of forced marriage or honour based violence</li> <li>evidence that the child supports violent extremist ideologies</li> </ul>	Contact the <b>Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)</b> during office hours. Telephone: <b>0208 461 7309 / 7373 / 7379 / 7026</b> and send the completed referral to form to: <b>mash@bromley.gov.uk</b> Out of hours (emergencies only), telephone: 0300 303 8671.  A social worker will be allocated. These children require statutory protection, such as child protection (S47) or legal intervention. Some of these children may need to be accommodated by the local authority.  Agencies involved could be Children's Social Care, Youth Offending Service, CAMHS, GPs and specialist school staff. CSE screening tool to be completed and referred to CSE coordinator if appropriate.

This is a brief guide, not an exhaustive list so should be read in conjunction with Bromley's full Threshold of Need Guidance at <http://bromleysafeguarding.org/> under 'Our Policies, Procedures and Guidance'.