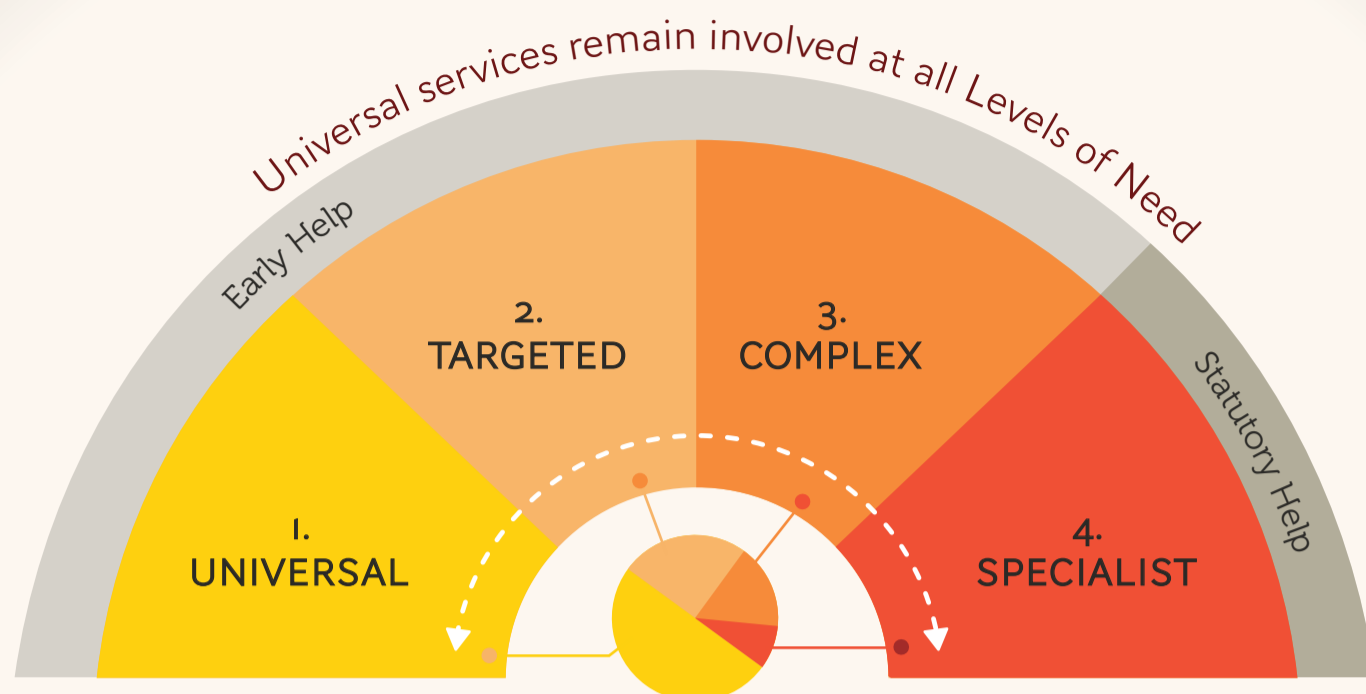


MEETING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN CHESHIRE EAST



1. Universal

Children and young people whose needs are being adequately met by family, friends and community, and who are accessing universal services e.g. health visiting, GP, schools, youth settings, etc.

Possible Indicators

- Child or young person generally making good progress in all areas of their life appropriate to their age.

Response

Continue meeting child or young person's needs as a universal service, in a safe environment. Safer recruitment, professional codes of conduct, preventative education e.g. PSHE. All professionals ready to identify and respond to any emerging problems, abuse or neglect should it occur.

2. Targeted

Children, young people and their families who would benefit from additional help with moderate difficulties in order to make the best of their life chances.

Possible Indicators

- Health issues which may impact on child or young person's development and wellbeing.
- Behaviour inappropriate to age and stage of development.
- Parenting skills inadequate to meet the child or young person's needs.
- Family unable to access effective support services to meet specific needs.
- Child starting to have unauthorised absences from school.

Response

A practitioner who identifies unmet needs for a child or young person should consider how these needs can best be met, usually by some additional help from within their own agency. Consider using the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) process to help assess and plan to meet needs. **Consult ChECS for advice and guidance 0300 123 5012 (option 2)**

3. Complex

Children, young people and their families who have a range of additional needs affecting different areas of life.

Possible Indicators

- Concerns shared by more than one agency.
- Parenting impacting on child and family life causing instability and inconsistency.
- Risk taking behaviour impacting on other areas of a child or young person's life.
- Caring responsibilities that impact negatively on a child or young person's life.
- Mental health and emotional well-being and/or behavioural issues.
- Child or young person no longer in need of a Child in Need or Child Protection Plan, but still has significant needs.
- Anti-social behaviour
- At risk of entering the Criminal Justice System

Response

Request support from other agencies such as Family Support, commissioned services, Youth Crime Prevention Team, Education Welfare. Agencies work together to provide a network of support to the child or young person and their family. Identify a Lead Professional to co-ordinate support and be primary link with the family. Hold a Multi-Agency Meeting and use the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) with child and family to assess their needs, develop and implement an Action Plan and review progress. **Consult ChECS for advice and guidance 0300 123 5012 (option 2)**

4. Specialist

Children, young people and their families who need immediate protection or who require support from a statutory service such as CAMHS, Children's Social Care, or Youth Offending Service.

Possible Indicators

- Risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Risk-taking behaviour which could lead to significant harm.
- Children/young people with severe or complex needs in relation to disability.
- Parent/carer has complex issues e.g. mental health, alcohol/substance misuse, domestic abuse, etc. that significantly compromise care and ability to provide a safe environment for the child.
- Children or young people in the Criminal Justice System.

Response

Any concerns about the safety of a child or young person, contact ChECS on 0300 123 5012 (option 2) Children's Social Care lead multi-agency planning and support through a Child-in-Need Plan, Child Protection procedures, or accommodation by Children's Social Care. Youth Offending Team lead multi-agency interventions in response to Youth Court Orders to supervise young offenders in the community and in custody.