

Children and Young People Safeguarding Levels of Need Stoke-on-Trent SCP Threshold Framework

Right help at the right time

Level 1: Universal

Children and young people at this level are reaching their expected outcomes. There are no unmet needs or any needs are low level and can be met by the universal services/with some limited additional advice or guidance. Children, young people, parents and carers can access services directly themselves.

Parents must consent to services.

No multi-agency assessment or lead professional is required.

Level 2: Universal Plus

Children and young people whose needs are met through additional support from one or more agencies, coordinated by using through an Early Help Assessment.

Consent from parents is required with their involvement in assessment and planning.

Professionals from a universal service who recognises the need, will undertake an EH assessment with a family, and they or another relevant professional in the network will take the role of Lead Professional. Advice and support is available from Effective Practice Co-ordinator. A Professional network around the family supports the progress of the plan.

Level 3: Targeted Early Help

Children and Young People at this level have diverse and complex needs which means that targeted, multi-agency support services are required which are supported by a clear coordinated action plan without the need for statutory social work involvement. Parental consent is required for a referral.

Refer for Early Help assessment and a Lead Professional from Stoke-on-Trent City Early Help service.

Level 4: Statutory Specialist

Children and young people at this level will require specialist services to respond to or prevent significant harm (S47) and children whose health & development maybe significantly impaired without the provision of help and support (S17). Statutory social work assessment will take place and SW will be the lead professional. Consent from parents is not required if significant harm is suspected. The plan will continue to be multi agency

Universal services include: Schools, GP Practices, Nurseries, Libraries, Health Visitors, Community Policing, Midwives, Information resources provided by health and social care agencies on their websites, Children's Centres