



Oldham
Council

**Indicators of level of need for children and young people not to
be used as an exhaustive list.**

A guide for practitioners

Universal	Universal Plus	Targeted Early Help	Children's Social Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Health needs met via universal services. •Emotional health and wellbeing needs being met. •Accessing health support and advice appropriately. •Good attendance at education provision—96% or above. •Achieving key stages and targets. •Home educated children accessing services with no safeguarding concerns. •Appropriate emotional responses. •Secure friendship groups. •No evidence of challenging behaviour. •Able to show empathy and adapt to change. •Age appropriate sexual behaviour. •Physical needs are met, including; food, drink, clothing, health care, shelter. •Care giver able to keep child safe and free from danger. •Secure housing. •Accommodation has basic amenities/ appropriate facilities. •Appropriate levels of hygiene/ cleanliness are maintained. •Evidence of attachments with family and care givers. •Appropriate relationships with peers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Development delay in one or more areas. •Additional health needs. •Occasionally missing health checks/ appointments or not giving recommended medication. •Persistent minor health problems. •Not registered with a GP/Dentist. •At risk of becoming persistently absent. •Is regularly late for school/occasional truanting. Lack of support from home to access education. •Needs some additional support in school. •Not reaching educational potential or reaching expected levels of attainment. •Poor self-esteem •Some concern about substance/alcohol misuse. •Development is compromised by parenting. •Low level mental health or emotional issues. •Some insecurities around identity/gender/ sexuality. •Lack of positive role models. •Care not consistently provided. •Parents struggled without support. •Parent or carer may be experiencing parenting difficulties due to mental/physical health issues. •Some exposure to dangerous situations in home/community. •Child is a young carer with some caring responsibilities. •Parents/carers offer inconsistent boundaries. •Low level concerns in relation to child sexual exploitation and/or child criminal exploitation. •Anti-social behaviour complaints. •Housing disrepairs, overcrowding, falling into rental arrears. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Child has chronic, severe health problems or high-level disability. •Child not brought to health appointments. •Attendance at school or learning affected by health problems. •Unhealthy weight/morbid obesity and no parental engagement with weight management support. •Mental health issues emerging. •Parent recurrently seeking health support and/or treatment that the child may not need. •75% absence or below from school •Child not in education, repeat suspensions from school and child at risk of permanent exclusion. •Missing from Home. •At risk of child sexual exploitation and/or child criminal exploitation. •Issues at home impacting on attendance or engagement in education, and parent/ carer not engaging in support offered. •Difficulty managing emotions. •Physical and emotional development raising significant concerns. •Low level offending or Anti-social behaviour. •Substance/alcohol misuse. •Significantly low self-esteem. •Parents/carers struggling to provide adequate support. Inconsistent care offered. •Domestic abuse at home. •Overcrowding, temporary accommodation, homelessness. •Guidance, boundaries and stimulation is poor. •Increased Missing from home episodes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Child consistently failing to reach their developmental milestones. •Child not brought to health appointments and/or failure to access medical attention. •Extremely unhealthy weight/extreme obesity and poor parental engagement in weight management support. •Experiencing chronic ill health or diagnosed with a life-limiting illness. •Mental health needs resulting in high-risk self-harming behaviours, suicidal ideation and inpatient admissions. •Child receiving treatment that the child may not need. •75% absence or below from school and not responding to or engaging in support. •Permanent exclusions from school. •Increased risk of child sexual exploitation and/or child criminal exploitation. •Children not seen/avoiding professionals. •Home educated child not receiving education. •Physical/emotional development raising significant concerns. •High risk domestic abuse within the family home. •Multiple missing from home episodes. •Difficulty regulating emotions. •Child has suffered from any type of abuse in parents' care. •Parental learning disability, mental health or substance misuse. •Parent/carers is struggling and is unable to provide consistent care. •Parents/carers struggle to set boundaries/ act as good role models. •Child/young person is beyond parental control. •Parenting impairing emotional or appropriate behavioural development. •Homeless and destitute. •Neglectful home conditions. •16 &17 years and homeless. •Unaccompanied Minors.