If you believe a child is suffering, or is at risk of suffering, significant harm always contact the Referral and Assessment Team on 0121 788 4333.

If, once you have taken appropriate action, you are then concerned about the response of another agency refer to Solihull Escalation guidance which supports the resolution of case disagreements: http://solihulllscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p resolve diff.htm

The Multi-agency Guidance on Threshold Criteria to help support Children, Young People and their Families in Solihull can be found on the Solihull LSCB website (detailed below) by clicking the About us/Interagency procedures tabs.

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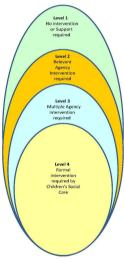
Website: www.solihull.gov.uk/staysafe





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Supporting Professional Judgement: Thresholds



All staff who are aware of concerns about the welfare or safety of a child should know:

- ♦ What services are available locally
- How to gain access to services
- Who to contact in what circumstances
- When and how to make a referral to Children's Social Care

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Levels of Need

Supporting Your Professional Judgement

Level 1
No intervention
or Support
required

Level 2
Relevant
Agency
Intervention
required

Level 3
Multiple Agency
intervention
required

Level 4
Formal
intervention
required by
Children's Social
Care

LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY: Children making good overall progress in all areas of their development, broadly receiving appropriate universal services such as health care and education. They may also use leisure and play facilities. **Potential Indicators** (not an exhaustive list)

♦ Children that require no additional support beyond that which is universally available ♦ Children accessing universal services, such as schools, leisure centres. GP surgeries, other primary health care services, youth centre's etc ♦ Children accessing and being included in social activities

LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY: Children and young people with emerging vulnerabilities who needs require Early Help. Undertake Pre-Assessment Checklist and consider a CAF. **Potential Indicators** (not an exhaustive list)

- Children whose parents have difficulties managing their behaviour
- ♦ Children involved in criminal activity or anti-social behaviour
- Children identified by school as requiring additional educational support
- Ohildren who require support to access appropriate leisure and community activities in order to promote their development and enable them to reach their potential
- Children with unhealthy/poor diet and/or concerning weight gain/weight loss
- ♦ Children with additional health needs that require extra support

- Children in families where there is poor hygiene (including dental hygiene)
- Ohildren starting to have unauthorised absences from school
- Children involved in unhealthy relationships (potentially risk sexual behaviours)
- Ohildren where there are behaviour/mood changes which could indicate a change in their mental health and wellbeing
- Ohildren in households where difficulties in adult relationships have the potential to impact on the child if early help and support is not offered. Children who require support is not offered
- Ohildren involved in substance misuse
- ♦ Children of families seeking asylum.

LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY: Children or young people with identified vulnerabilities and needs that require a multi-agency co-ordinated approach including Early Help. Undertake the common Assessment Framework **Potential Indicators** (not an exhaustive list)

- Children with a significant emotional and/or behavioral disorder
- Ohildren involved in escalating criminal activity or antisocial behavior
- ♦ Children beyond parental control
- Ochildren with an acute or chronic health condition (including morbid obesity) where there is non-attendance for appointments or poor engagement with treatment compliance, where this will have a significant impact on the child's health
- Ohildren persistently absent and/or excluded from school
- Ohildren in families without permanent accommodation
- Ohildren involved in substance misuse
- Ohildren in households where parenting is compromised as a consequence of:
 - ♦ mental health issues
 ♦ substance misuse
 ♦ domestic abuse
 ♦ learning difficulties
 ♦ poverty
 ♦ prolific offending/in custody
 ♦ physical disability
 - unaccompanied asylum seekers

LEVEL OF VULNERABILITY: Their health and development will be significantly impaired, without the provision of series; or a child who is disabled or in need of protection. **Potential Indicators** (not an exhaustive list)

- Children where physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect is suspected
- Children who are in contact with persons who have been assessed as Posing a Risk to Children (PPRC)
- ♦ Children with disabilities
- Children whose parents are unable to provide care, for whatever reason
- Ohildren where the following is suspected:-
- ◆ fabricated illness ◆ allegations of harm by a person in a position of trust ◆ female genital mutilation (FGM) ◆ honour based violence
- ◆ Forced marriage ◆ Sexual exploitation and trafficking

- Children who disappear or are missing from home or care regularly or for long periods
- Where a pre-birth assessment has identified an unborn child's health or development is being adversely affected
- Ohildren aged 16 and 17 who present as homeless
- Children who are young carers and wish to exercise their right to an assessment
- Ohildren whose health and development are adversely impacted because parenting is compromised as a consequence of:
 - ◆ mental health issues ◆ substance misuse ◆ domestic abuse
- ♦ learning difficulties
 ♦ poverty
 ♦ prolific offending/in custody
- physical disability or severe/complex medical conditions