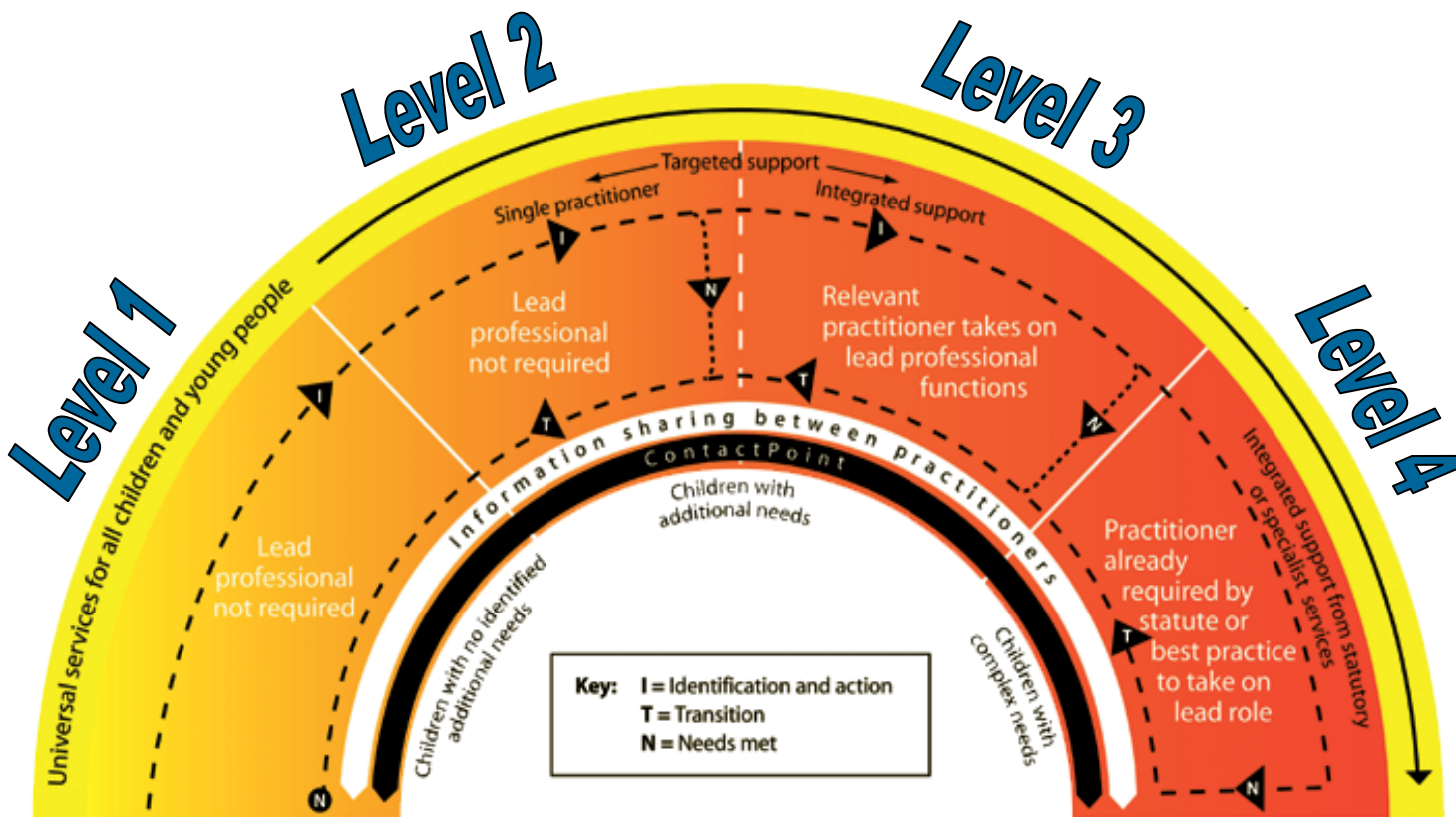


# Plymouth Multi-Agency Thresholds of Need



## LEVEL ONE—UNIVERSAL SUPPORT

### Level of Need

Children with no additional needs and receiving universal services.

### Possible Indicators -

Child's health and general development is age appropriate.

Child is brought up in stable circumstances where parents are able to meet their child's needs with the support of universal services

### Service Response required -

Child's needs are met universally through services such as health care and education, and may also be able to access Sure Start programmes, Child's Centres, and Youth Services.

### Lead Professional not required.

## LEVEL TWO—TARGETED SUPPORT (SINGLE AGENCY)

### Level of need

Children who require extra support from a single agency or where one agency is the main provider but also supports access to another service.

### Possible Indicators -

Child's health, behaviour or emotional well being requires support.

Identified issues of harassment, bullying or family relationship difficulties and issues.

Extra educational or curriculum support required.

Absence from school/educational potential not being met.

Low income/asylum seeking families.

Families in Poverty.

Family Stress.

Children witnessing or experiencing domestic violence.

### Service Response Required -

A CAF should be considered where the needs of the child are unclear or broader than one agency can meet.

## LEVEL THREE—TARGETED SUPPORT (INTEGRATED TARGETED SUPPORT & LEAD PROFESSIONAL)

### Level of Need

Children with high levels of complex needs requiring an integrated response from several agencies.

### Possible Indicators -

Child is experiencing significant developmental or acquired impairments in their cognition, sensory or physical development

Has a condition which has high probability of development delay/whose ability to achieve their potential is impaired

Children with chronic ill health, physical learning disability, significant behavioural or emotional issues

Child with significant offending or anti-social behaviour

Children misusing substances

Parental drug, alcohol misuse, mental ill health or learning disability imparting on parenting capacity.

Pattern of family offending

### Service Response required -

A CAF must be completed as a minimum requirement with multi agency involvement and input.

Lead Professional to be appointed.

Level of need may indicate that a statutory threshold has been met and a referral to a specialist service may be required to undertake a specialist assessment

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## LEVEL FOUR—SPECIALIST SERVICES/ STATUTORY THRESHOLD

### Level of Need

Children with highly complex and enduring needs. Children experiencing harm and in need of child protection and other statutory processes to safeguard and promote their welfare. This could also include children who are within the youth justice system, who will then have an allocated Youth Offending worker in relation to statutory court orders or children in contact with the Education Welfare Service who may be on education supervision orders.

### Possible Indicators -

Children experiencing domestic violence where safeguarding intervention is required. Children who are young carers, Homelessness. Children/ Pre-birth with concerns in relation to parenting capacity. Children who are subject to a child protection plan, care proceedings, emergency orders or who are looked after. Children whose parents are no longer able to care for them. Unaccompanied minors. Privately fostered children. Children who are homeless. Children (or infants) experiencing severe domestic violence who are in need of protection. Children living with parents with severe drug and alcohol misuse issues. Children with a statement of special educational needs. Children with significant offending behaviour under a court order. Pre-birth situations where there is a significant risk to the unborn child.

### Service Response Required-

Level of need crosses a statutory threshold.

Children at the highest level of risk/risk of significant harm.

Specialist Service allocate a worker.

Level of need determined via a specialist assessment/ risk assessment

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