



City of
Stoke-on-Trent

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
NEEDS ASSESSMENT MATRIX AND
ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES**

Severity	LOW LEVEL OF NEED	✓	MODERATE LEVEL OF NEED	✓	HIGH LEVEL OF NEED	✓
Outcomes						
Be Healthy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of disability • Dependency • Demand on Carer 	Child needs routine medical checks only and requires no or minimal nursing care/support/treatment/		Child has unstable health and needs regular nursing care and support and/or complex medical care		Child has life limiting condition and requires daily nursing care and support and/or regular admissions to hospital	
	Child uses specialist equipment that does not require operational		Child uses specialist equipment that needs operational assistance		Daily use of specialist equipment by child that needs operational assistance	
	Child has minimal therapy needs		Child has a planned programme of therapy		Child requires intense therapy programme	
	Child requires minimal help with personal care		Child needs daily support with basic self-care functions e.g. eating, toileting, washing, dressing		Child is totally dependent on others for all basic self-care functions e.g. eating, toileting, washing, dressing	
	Child is independently mobile		Child requires help with mobility and lifting		Child requires specialist aids for mobility	
	Child has some awareness of dangers and is able to function independently in the environment		Child has limited awareness of dangers and needs help to function in the environment		Child has no awareness of dangers and is dependent on others to function in the environment	
	Carer has no physical/mental health problems		Carer has some physical / mental health problems affecting ability to care		Carer has severe physical / mental health problems which have major implications for caring role	
	Low level of risk to health/safety of carer		Moderate level of risk to health/safety of carer		High level of risk to health/safety of carer	

Severity Outcomes	LOW LEVEL OF NEED	✓	MODERATE LEVEL OF NEED	✓	HIGH LEVEL OF NEED	✓
Stay Safe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour • Family dynamics • Support Networks • Environment 	Child requires supervision in some circumstances		Child requires continual supervision throughout the day and occasionally at night		Child requires constant monitoring/supervision both during the day and at night	
	Behaviour is not a risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires minimal management		Behaviour is a moderate risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires some input to manage		Behaviour is a serious risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires structured behaviour management programme	
	There are no difficulties in relationships with peers or siblings		There are stressful family relationships and/or some difficulties in relationships with peers		There is potentially harmful conflict with siblings and significant difficulties in Relationships with peers	
	No child protection issues		Child has been subject to Section 47 enquiries/Child in Need Plan		Child has been placed on Child Protection Register and has a Child Protection Plan	
	Child is only person in household with disabilities		One other person with disabilities who needs some support in household		More than one other person in household with disabilities who needs some support	
	More than one carer		Sole carer but has a support network		Sole carer with no support network	
	There are no pressures in the family other than caring for child		There are some other pressures in the family		There are complex family problems e.g. domestic violence, frequent changes in household, substance misuse	
	Where the child lives is a safe environment		There is sometimes risk for the child because of the physical environment		Where the child lives is not safe because of the physical environment	

	There is no risk of the child's placement breaking down		There is some risk of the child's placement breaking down		There is a high risk of the child's placement breaking down	
Severity						
Outcomes	LOW LEVEL OF NEED	✓	MODERATE LEVEL OF NEED	✓	HIGH LEVEL OF NEED	✓
Enjoy and Achieve: • School • Hobbies	Child attends a unit in mainstream school, special school in the Borough or college		Child attends a special school in the borough with additional support or an out of borough placement		Child attends a complex needs out of borough placement with specialised package of support.	
	Child needs support to pursue interests and activities		Child needs 1 – 1 support to pursue inclusive interests and activities or requires specialised activities		Child can only pursue specialised activities with support	
Make a Positive Contribution: • Risky Behaviour • Friendships • Communication	Child is confident and shows some understanding of risk situations		Child lacks confidence and is vulnerable to exploitation and bullying		Child has very limited understanding of risk situations and is extremely vulnerable	
	Child requires minimal support with communication		Child has significant communication difficulties		Child needs a skilled person to interpret communication	
	There are no difficulties in relationships with peers or siblings		There are stressful family relationships and/or some difficulties in relationships with peers		There is potentially harmful conflict with siblings and/or significant difficulties in relationships with peers	
	Child can adapt to different situations with support		Child needs to be prepared in advance for a change in routine		Child becomes extremely distressed following any small change to daily routine	
	Child able to express their views with support		Child needs specialist support in order to express their views		Child has extremely limited ability to express views even with support	

Severity	LOW LEVEL OF NEED	✓	MODERATE LEVEL OF NEED	✓	HIGH LEVEL OF NEED	✓
Outcomes						
Economic Wellbeing: • Finance • Housing • Transport	The family are receiving all financial entitlements		The family needs to budget carefully to meet financial commitments		The family is on a low income and has financial problems	
	The family's accommodation is suitable and needs no adaptation		The family's accommodation is not totally suitable but does not need adaptation		The family's accommodation needs adaptation to meet the needs of the child	
	The child qualifies for low/medium rate DLA		The child qualifies for higher level DLA both for care and mobility		The child qualifies for higher level mobility DLA and needs a specially designed vehicle	
	The child will need support to continue in education, employment or training		The child will need individual support to continue in education, employment or training		The child will need a specialist adult care package	

SUMMARY

Overall Assessment of Need	Description	✓
Low	Need can be met by community based universal and/or preventive services	
Moderate	Child would not have a reasonable standard of health and welfare due to a significant disability without the provision of specialist services	
High	Child has complex care needs requiring the input of specialist services	

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

Level of Need	Criteria, including risk factors	Desired outcomes	Examples of services that might appropriately be provided at this level
Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child needs routine medical checks only and requires no or minimal nursing care/support/ treatment 2. Child uses specialist equipment that does not require operational assistance 3. Child has minimal therapy needs 4. Child requires minimal help with personal care 5. Child is independently mobile 6. Child has some awareness of dangers and is able to function independently in the environment 7. Carer has no physical/mental health problems 8. Low level of risk to health/safety of carer 9. Child requires supervision in some circumstances 10. Behaviour is not a risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires minimal management 11. There are no difficulties in relationships with peers or siblings 12. No child protection issues 13. Child is only person in household with disabilities 14. More than one carer 15. There are no pressures in the family other than caring for child 	<p>Promotion of child's health</p> <p>Maintain a satisfactory level of personal care</p> <p>Safeguarding the child against abuse or neglect</p> <p>Prevent breakdown of family or social networks</p> <p>Live in a safe home environment</p> <p>Promotion of social inclusion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information about community facilities 2. Supported access to community facilities 3. Referral to community organisations for support in the home 4. Referral for occasional day and evening support within the community 5. Short term social work input on specific issues e.g. newly diagnosed, transition 6. Signposting to other agencies for advice regarding issues such as allowances, housing and carer support groups

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Where the child lives is a safe environment 17. There is no risk of the child's placement breaking down 18. Child attends a unit in mainstream school, special school in the Borough or College 19. Child needs support to pursue interests and activities 20. Child is confident and shows some understanding of risk situations 21. Child requires minimal support with communication 22. There are no difficulties in relationships with peers or siblings 23. Child can adapt to different situations with support 24. Child able to express their views with support 25. The family are receiving all financial entitlements 26. The family's accommodation is suitable and needs no adaptation 27. The child qualifies for low/medium rate DLA 28. The child will need support to continue in education 		
MEDIUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child has unstable health and needs regular nursing care and support and/or complex medical care 2. Child uses specialist equipment that needs operational assistance 3. Child has a planned programme of therapy 	<p>Promotion of child's health</p> <p>Maintain a satisfactory level of personal care</p> <p>Safeguarding the child against abuse or neglect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information about community facilities 2. Supported access to community facilities 3. Regular day and evening support within the community

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Child needs daily support with basic self-care functions e.g. eating, washing, dressing 5. Child requires help with mobility and lifting 6. Child has limited awareness of dangers and needs help to function in the environment 7. Carer has some physical / mental health problems affecting ability to care 8. Moderate level of risk to health/safety of carer 9. Child requires continual supervision throughout the day and occasionally at night 10. Behaviour is a moderate risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires some input to manage 11. There are stressful family relationships and/or some difficulties in relationships with peers 12. Child has been subject to Section 47 enquiries/Child in Need Plan 13. One other person with disabilities who needs some support in household 14. Sole carer but has a support network 15. There are some other pressures in the family 16. There is sometimes risk for the child because of the physical environment 17. There is some risk of the child's placement breaking down 18. Child attends a special school in the borough with additional support or a 	<p>Support parents/carers in looking after child</p> <p>Prevent family breakdown or breakdown of social networks</p> <p>Live in a safe home environment</p> <p>Promotion of child's interests and social networks</p> <p>Promotion of social inclusion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Short term social work input on specific issues e.g. newly diagnosed; transition 5. Outreach support from community support workers 6. Basic level direct payments 7. Occasional overnight stays up to 43 nights a year
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	<p>specialised out of borough placement</p> <p>19. Child needs 1 – 1 support to pursue inclusive interests and activities</p> <p>20. Child lacks confidence and is vulnerable to exploitation and bullying</p> <p>21. Child has significant communication difficulties</p> <p>22. There are stressful family relationships and/or some difficulties in relationships with peers</p> <p>23. Child needs to be prepared in advance for a change in routine</p> <p>24. Child needs specialist support in order to express their views</p> <p>25. The family needs to budget carefully to meet financial commitments</p> <p>26. The family's accommodation is not totally suitable but does not need adaptation</p> <p>27. The child qualifies for higher level DLA both for care and mobility</p> <p>28. The child will need individual support to continue in education, employment or training</p>		
HIGH	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child has life limiting condition and requires daily nursing care and support and/or regular admissions to hospital 2. Daily use of specialist equipment by child that needs operational assistance 3. Child requires intense therapy programme 	<p>Promotion of child's health</p> <p>Maintain a satisfactory level of personal care</p> <p>Safeguarding the child against abuse or neglect</p> <p>Support parents/carers in looking after child</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information about community facilities 2. Frequent day and evening support within the community 3. Intensive individual social work support

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Child is dependent on others for all basic self-care functions e.g. eating, toileting, washing, dressing 5. Child requires specialist aids for mobility 6. Child has no awareness of dangers and is dependent on others to function in the environment 7. Carer has severe physical / mental health problems which have major implications for caring role 8. High level of risk to health/safety of carer 9. Child requires constant monitoring/supervision both during the day and at night 10. Behaviour is a serious risk to self or others (including self-harm) and requires structured behaviour management programme 11. There is potentially harmful conflict with siblings and significant difficulties in relationships with peers 12. Child has been placed on Child Protection Register and has a Child Protection Plan 13. More than one other person in household with disabilities who needs some support 14. Sole carer with no support network 15. There are complex family problems e.g. domestic violence, frequent changes in household, substance misuse 	<p>Prevent family breakdown or breakdown of social networks</p> <p>Live in a safe home environment</p> <p>Promotion of child's interests and social networks</p> <p>Promotion of social inclusion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Outreach support from community support workers 5. Enhanced level direct payments 6. Regular overnight stays up to 120 nights a year <p>In exception circumstances Foster placements Residential placement</p>
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	<p>16. Where the child lives is not safe because of the physical environment</p> <p>17. There is a high risk of the child's placement breaking down</p> <p>18. Child attends a complex needs out of borough placement with specialised package of support</p> <p>19. Child can only pursue specialised activities with support</p> <p>20. Child has very limited understanding of risk situations and is extremely vulnerable</p> <p>21. Child needs a skilled or familiar person to interpret communication</p> <p>22. There is potentially harmful conflict with siblings and/or significant difficulties in relationships with peers</p> <p>23. Child becomes extremely distressed following any small change to daily routine</p> <p>24. Child has extremely limited ability to express their views even with support</p> <p>25. The family is on a low income and has financial problems</p> <p>26. The family's accommodation needs adaptation to meet the needs of the child</p> <p>27. The child qualifies for higher level mobility DLS and needs a specially designed vehicle</p> <p>28. The child will need a specialist adult care package</p>		
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SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED

SERVICE	PROVIDER	FREQUENCY/AMOUNT

Assessment completed by:

Date:

Service Provision Agreed by:

Date: