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Merton Safeguarding Children Board

Parent or Carer	<b>Universal - Preventative</b> <b>MWBM 2013 Level 1</b>	<b>Enhanced – Complex Preventative</b> <b>MWBM 2013 Level 2</b>	<b>Specialist or Statutory - Complex / Acute</b> <b>MWBM 2012 Level 3</b>
<b>Basic Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Delay in seeking health care for child/young person</li> <li>- Parent/carer engagement with services is poor</li> <li>- Parent/carer requires advice on parenting issues</li> <li>- Concerns emerging around child's physical / emotional needs being met</li> <li>- Difficulties in pregnancy and/or labour</li> <li>- Inappropriate anxiety regarding child/young person's health</li> <li>- Difficult to engage parents with services: failure to sign on with GP; to attend health appointments; to make application for school place</li> <li>- Poor maternal health -not accessing ante/post natal care</li> <li>- Concealed pregnancy (e.g. due to DV fears)</li> <li>- Basic care needs not adequately addressed: diet, clothing, hygiene concerns</li> <li>- Significant language/ communication difficulties</li> <li>- Has disability or significant health problem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent not engaging with professionals</li> <li>- Parent struggling to provide adequate care</li> <li>- Struggles to meet special needs without support services</li> <li>- Physically sick or disabled, affecting parenting</li> <li>- Learning difficulties affecting parenting</li> <li>- Expects child/young person to take over caring responsibilities (for self / other siblings)</li> <li>- Needs support to recognise health care needs for self or child person's development (including obesity)</li> <li>- Multiple births/several children aged under 5 and family having difficulty coping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent resisting engagement with professionals</li> <li>- Unable to meet additional needs, despite support</li> <li>- Mental health or severe substance misuse involvement affecting ability to function on daily basis and affecting majority of parenting responsibilities including child's health and development</li> <li>- Parents unable to care for previous children</li> <li>- Failure to seek appropriate health care affecting child/young person</li> <li>- Child is taken into care</li> <li>- Child is on Child Protection Plan</li> <li>- Care proceedings are being undertaken with legal solution not yet secured</li> <li>- Failure, in spite of help, to recognise health care needs for self or child person's development</li> <li>- Parent unable to provide 'good enough' parenting that is adequate and safe</li> </ul>
<b>Emotional Warmth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents show lack of warmth in response to child</li> <li>- Inconsistent responses to child/young person by parent(s)</li> <li>- Marital / relationship difficulties that impinge on child/ young person (including contact disputes)</li> <li>- Anxiety/ low self esteem</li> <li>- Erratic or inconsistent care.</li> <li>- Limited opportunities to develop positive relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant parenting difficulties with emotional warmth</li> <li>- Indifferent, intolerant, critical, rejecting</li> <li>- Leaving child inconsistently with multiple carers – attachment issues manifesting</li> <li>- Child/young person threatened with rejection from home – relationship at risk of breakdown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents inconsistent, highly critical or apathetic towards child/young person</li> <li>- Deep distress to child/young person due to severe emotional abuse (rejection, verbal abuse)</li> </ul>

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<b>Ensuring Safety, Protection, Stability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May experience some exposure to unsafe situations in the home or community.</li> <li>- Parental stresses starting to affect ability to ensure child's safety.</li> <li>- Taking prescribed medication for medical condition(s) that could impair parenting ability</li> <li>- Post natal depression</li> <li>- Difficulties with managing child's sleeping, feeding, or crying</li> <li>- Regular exposure to dangerous situations in the home or community</li> <li>- DV incident</li> <li>- Unsupported parent</li> <li>- Parent less than 19 years old</li> <li>- Child's key relationships with family members not always kept up</li> <li>- Sense of helplessness</li> <li>- Parental instability affects capacity to nurture</li> <li>- Previous child death</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Substance &amp;/or alcohol misuse affecting parenting</li> <li>- Supported in the community by substance misuse team</li> <li>- Criminal or anti social behaviour affecting parenting</li> <li>- Concerns about parenting of a child/yp who has been looked after</li> <li>- Inability to manage severe challenging behaviour without support – resulting in high risk of family breakdown Child perceived to be a problem by parents</li> <li>- Requesting young person be accommodated</li> <li>- Physical care or supervision of the child/young person inadequate or erratic</li> <li>- DV: repeat incident</li> <li>- Recent experience of serious loss or trauma affecting parenting ability</li> <li>- Mental illness affecting parenting</li> <li>- Child previously In Care</li> <li>- Child has different carers leading to attachment concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disclosure from parent of abuse to child/young person</li> <li>- Significantly harms child/ young person</li> <li>- Allegation or reasonable suspicion of serious injury, abuse or neglect</li> <li>- Instability and severe physical violence in the home continually – victim very frightened; child directly involved in incidents; witnessed by child</li> <li>- Child/young person rejected from home</li> <li>- Persistent, serious DV st child at risk of significant harm.</li> <li>- Child/yp subject of parental delusions which imply risk</li> <li>- Evidence of, or suspected, Fabricated or Induced illness</li> <li>- Child/young person beyond parental control</li> <li>- Concerns about parenting of a child/young person who is at risk of becoming looked after</li> <li>- Unable to protect child/young person from harm</li> <li>- DV: stalking mother/children</li> <li>- DV where abuser violates protective legal orders to commit acts of violence or abuse.</li> <li>- Actively putting young person at risk of harm.</li> <li>- Child beyond parental control</li> <li>- Child looked after by LA, whether local or by other local authority (e.g. child being educated in Merton)</li> <li>- Child has no parent/carer or has been abandoned</li> </ul>
<b>Stimulation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child not often exposed to new experiences; spends considerable time alone watching TV</li> <li>- Unable to provide constructive leisure or guided play</li> <li>- Unable to provide positive stimulation – lack of positive activities or experiences</li> <li>- Learning not supported/encouraged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant parenting difficulties with stimulation</li> <li>- Lack of response to child / young person's underachievement at school</li> </ul>	
<b>Guidance &amp; Boundaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack of consistent boundaries and guidance</li> <li>- Condoned absence from school</li> <li>- Child allowed to behave in an anti-social way in the neighbourhood e.g. petty crime</li> <li>- Lack of routine in the home</li> <li>- Boundaries are too loose/tight/physical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child/yp deliberately kept out of school</li> <li>- Significant parenting difficulties with boundaries</li> <li>- Parent does not offer a good role model e.g. behaving in an anti-social way</li> <li>- Chaotic, inconsistent, insecure parenting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very young child left at home alone or with young carers</li> <li>- Inability to judge dangerous or risky situations</li> </ul>