

## CSF Disabled Children's Service - Assessment of Need matrix

Need band	A	B	C	D	E
<b>Need band description</b>	Services required to prevent immediate risk of significant impairment which might directly affect child's growth, development, physical or mental well being. OR to prevent the need for long term accommodation.	Child very vulnerable to risk of significant impairment of health or development OR need for long-term accommodation.	Child requires services to prevent impairment of health or development and/or alleviate stress in the family which may lead to risk in A or B.	Child requires support to access services to broaden experiences and/or prevent build up of stress in family.	Child leading life as normally as possible and additional care needs easily met by family.
<b>Disabled child's care needs and social or emotional development</b>	As above, and/or child's essential care or medical needs or need for emotional development and stimulation cannot be met and/or result in need for long term accommodation	As above, and/or child's level of care needs result in likely impairment of their health or development	As above, and/or child's level of care needs result in them being unable to participate in community activities which leads to an impairment of their social or emotional development	As above, and/or child's level of care needs limit their participation in community activities and their development would benefit from additional social and leisure activities	As above
<i>Examples</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Autistic child likely to require regular physical restraint, behaviour regularly injurious to self or others, requires night-time supervision</i></li> <li>• <i>Child with physical impairment (eg cerebral palsy) requiring handling or hoist for all transfers, and unable to dress, toilet, bathe or</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Challenging behaviour, self injurious behaviour arising from the disability requiring supervision</i></li> <li>• <i>Limited self help skills, needs assistance with toileting, feeding, transferring etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Wheelchair bound, but can weight bear</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>General developmental delay – SLD</i></li> <li>• <i>child has developmental delay, hyperactivity limited sleep pattern</i></li> <li>• <i>Other communication and behavioural problems</i></li> <li>• <i>Autistic spectrum with</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Some developmental delay/behavioural problems</i></li> <li>• <i>Sensory impairment or learning disability which does not impact significantly on child's care needs</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Disability diagnosis which does not impact on functioning of child and family</i></li> </ul>

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	<p><i>feed themselves</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Child with complex medical needs requiring frequent night-time attention e.g. medication, turning and/or intubation</i></li> </ul>		<p><i>obsessive features</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Limited mobility but developed self-care skills</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Siblings needs</b>	Siblings essential needs <sup>1</sup> cannot be met because of disabled child's special care needs etc	Parents cannot meet all of the siblings essential needs	Child's care needs significantly restrict siblings personal or social lives	Childs' care needs are restricting siblings opportunities	Child's care needs do not significantly impact on siblings opportunities
<i>Examples</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Essential care needs of the disabled child prevent parents from attending to any of sibling's essential needs for extended periods of time</i></li> <li>• <i>Family in receipt of assistance in respect of sibling's care needs at Band A or B</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sibling also has disability at Band D or E</i></li> <li>• <i>Care needs of disabled child are such that for long periods of time sibling does not receive care and attention</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sibling unable to access leisure facilities clubs etc. due to care needs of disabled child</i></li> <li>• <i>Young carers responsibilities in relation to disabled child</i></li> <li>• <i>Social isolation due to siblings behaviours</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Family unaware of services available to non-disabled child or how to access them</i></li> <li>• <i>Family unable to spend quality/individual time with non-disabled child</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Parents/ carers needs</b>	Parents mental or physical health prevents them meeting their child's essential needs OR substantial risk of family breakdown	Can only meet their child's essential needs at significant cost to their physical or mental health OR serious risk of family breakdown	Parents need to provide significant care to other dependants who would otherwise be at risk OR child's care needs are significantly impacting on parents personal or social	Child's care needs are impacting on parents personal or social lives	Child's care needs do not significantly impact on parents' personal or social lives

<sup>1</sup> Essential Needs - Every child has the right to: Clothing, warmth, food, housing, education, emotional development, independence and boundary setting

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<b>Parenting/ caring capacity</b>	Parents cannot provide adequate parental care without provision of services	Parents cannot provide care to meet child's needs	Parents can provide reasonable care but need support to provide more specialist parenting/caring lives.	Parents can provide reasonable care but may benefit from advice/information	Parents can provide reasonable care within existing support networks
<i>Examples</i>	<p><i>Parenting capacity seriously affected by</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• severe mental health needs</li> <li>• physical/learning disability</li> <li>• alcohol/drug problems</li> <li>• serious medical problems</li> <li>• Serious stress factors which impact on parenting capacity</li> <li>• Other major care responsibilities e.g. another member of the household who has significant disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families where main caring falls on one partner who has difficulty coping because of their mental health, isolation, medical condition etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families where there are competing demands of all the children in the family</li> <li>• Some single parents who have individual needs due their earlier deprivation and or socio-economic isolation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents who need information and advice who either cannot read or speak English or who cannot read</li> <li>• Families who have other caring roles</li> <li>• Families where there are marital/relationship problems</li> </ul>	
<b>Family and environmental factors</b>	A number of factors or barriers significantly hinder family functioning e.g. more than one disabled child, income, housing, ethnic background	A number of factors or barriers seriously hinder family functioning	Some factors or barriers hinders family's social integration	Advice and/or information needed to overcome barriers experienced by family	No factors or barriers impact on family functioning

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<i>Examples</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless, poor housing, living in bed/breakfast</li> <li>• Acute domestic violence</li> <li>• Destitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debts, neighbour/bullying problems</li> <li>• Major structural alterations required to property</li> <li>• No external sources of support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debt, new area, little or no other family support</li> <li>• Social isolation</li> <li>• Health needs</li> <li>• Rural isolation and poverty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families who are isolated in their communities</li> </ul>	
<b>Services</b>	<p>Respite / Short breaks 0 – 48 nights per year;  direct payments 0-24 hours per week;  community activities;  multi-agency placements;  social work support;  specialist education provision;  specialist CAMHS and/or health services;  and / or a combination of above.</p>	<p>Respite/short breaks 0 - 24 nights per year;  direct payments 0 - 12 hours per week;  community activities;  assistance to access universal services;  specialist input from education and health services.</p>	<p>Access to vacation play schemes;  access to universal services;  direct payments 0 - 6 hours per week;  specialist input as required;  children’s centres and extended schools;  school based services.</p>	<p>Universal Services;  Early years setting;  children’s centres and extended schools;  Connexions; recreation;  leisure community and youth services;  voluntary organisations health services.</p>	<p>Universal services and as D</p>