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This form is designed as a quick reference guide and should be used in conjunction with the online Kent Support Level Guidance www.kscmp.org.uk The following examples and key indicators are for professional guidance only, these should always be considered in respect of the impact they are having on the child or young person

UNIVERSAL SUPPORT LEVEL 1

Child or Young Person Indicators

- My attendance at school/college/training is good
- There are no concerns about my life at home, in school or in my neighbourhood
- There are no barriers to my learning and no concerns about my learning and development
- I am a disabled child and need information on local support in my community
- There are no concerns about my behaviour
- I understand the difference between 'safe' and 'unsafe'
- I am able to understand right from wrong and I can act appropriately
- I have a positive sense of self, with no concerns about me forming relationships
- I have stable and affectionate relationships with my parents/carers
- I am physically healthy and my development checks are up to date
- I have an adequate and nutritious diet, regular dental and optical checks
- There are no concerns about my mental health
- There are no concerns about my attitude to drugs or alcohol
- There are no concerns about my use of technology
- I live in adequate housing and in a safe and secure environment
- I am safe at home, online and outside in my community
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- I have a positive sense of my abilities
- I have positive relationships with my peers
- I have good core relationships with my siblings

Mother / Father / Carers Indicators

- My parents/carers can meet my needs, including taking me to school and all my health appoint-
- My parents/carers provide me with guidance and boundaries to support my development
- My parents/carers provide me with secure and caring parenting
- My parents/carers are able to manage my behaviours

Risks to me outside my home/family

• I am safe at home and outside in my community

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT LEVEL 2

Child or Young Person Indicators

- My attendance at school is a concern
- I have been repeatedly suspended from school
- I have started to go missing from school and/or from home
- I am not meeting my educational milestones
- I am home educated with concerns about my welfare
- I am an unseen infant/child at home, despite professionals repeat attempts to see me/visit
- I find it difficult to develop positive or close relationships with friends or with my parents/carers or family members
- I am a young carer with some responsibilities at home
- I am a teenage parent and I require some low level support
- I have language/communication difficulties
- I need some low level support due to a diagnosed disability or sensory impairment
- I am a disabled child and I need information/advice/support from local and national organisations
- I am showing early signs of associating with peers who are involved in crime and/or anti-social behaviour
- I am showing early signs of instigating or experiencing problematic sexual behaviour and/or language
- I have emerging mental health / emotional / self harm issues
- I am saying I want to 'run away'
- I am displaying disruptive and/or challenging behaviours
- I am at risk due to low level emerging neglect issues
- I am negatively affected by parental conflict/difficult family rela-

Mother / Father / Carers Indicators

- My parents/carers require support to understand my disability or sensory impairment, and lack strategies to manage
- My family is impacted by poverty affecting their access to services, this negatively affects my development
- My family home is in a poor state of repair, impacting on my health/development. Or there is serious overcrowding
- My family are facing eviction/statutory homelessness
- My parents/carers struggle to meet my needs, or they place their own needs above mine
- My parents/carers struggle to provide me with good supervision or behaviour management
- My parents/carers often do not take me to my appointments which impacts negatively on my health and/or development
- My parents/carers health and emotional wellbeing including physical/mental/learning difficulty or substance misuse is becoming a cause for concern
- My parents/carers are at risk of entering the Criminal Justice System due to low level offending / anti-social behaviours
- My parents/carers used to be a Child in Care

Risks to me outside my home/family

- I am being encouraged to use substances
- I am being encouraged to miss school / be late home
- I am being encouraged to commit low level crimes and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour
- I may be at risk due to unsafe and/or harmful content, conduct, commerce or contact risks online

INTENSIVE SUPPORT LEVEL 3

Child or Young Person Indicators

- I am persistently absence (10% or more) and complex needs, or I am NEET
- I am not on any school roll / I am a Child Missing from Education (CME)
- I am at risk of /or I have been permanently excluded from school
- I am home educated/unseen with significant concerns for my welfare
- I am a child under an Education Supervision Order/Section 36 Children Act
- There is serious delay in me achieving my developmental milestones creating significant concerns
- I regularly go missing from home or school with no explanation
- I am at risk of suicide and my family need help to support me
- I am at risk of committing crimes and need preventative support
- I am a pregnant teenager/vulnerable adult and there are serious concerns about me/my unborn baby
- I am vulnerable to being sexually abused or exploited
- I am vulnerable to, or exhibiting, intimate partner abuse/violence
- I am displaying violent/abusive behaviours towards some family members
- I am vulnerable due to my drugs and/or alcohol use
- I have significant disabilities and require some professional support
- I am a homeless child in need, including 16-17 years old
- I am a young carer whose caring duties are affecting my outcomes
- I have significant dental decay that has not been treated
- I am a child subject of a Court Ordered Report under s7 or s37 being completed by children's social care
- I am at risk due to the ongoing DA/intense parental conflict in my home
- I am unborn, the level of concern requires a pre-birth risk assessment

Mother / Father / Carers Indicators

- My family needs support to meet my disability needs
- My family are being evicted despite professional / agency support
- Relationships in my family are breaking down and there is serious risk I may become homeless and have to be looked after outside my family
- I am being severely neglected. Food, warmth and other basics are often not available due to finance/debts. I live in very poor home conditions
- I am at risk due to my parents/carers inability to parent consistently, and this is impacting negatively on my development
- I am at risk due to inappropriate/unsafe child care arrangements
- I am at risk due to my parents/carers health or learning difficulties or substance misuse/offending behaviours having a direct negative impact on me
- I am at risk due to my parents/carers own emotional or mental health difficulties, impacting negatively on my health and/or development
- I am Privately Fostered

Risks to me outside my home/family

- My parents have been trafficked and struggle to gain independence
- I am being encouraged to become involved in a gang
- I am being encouraged to carry drugs and/or weapons
- I am at risk due to having contact with people who pose a risk of physical or sexual harm to children
- I am in a peer group that regularly goes missing
- I am at risk due to unsafe and/or harmful content, conduct, commerce or contact risk online
- I am vulnerable to criminal / sexual exploitation or radicalisation

SPECIALIST SUPPORT LEVEL 4 Child or Young Person Indicators

- I have severely absent from school (50% more) and safeguarding concerns
- I am a home educated or unseen child, there are serious concerns for my safety
- I am not growing or developing properly with no medical reasons for this

• I am a non-mobile baby or non-mobile child with a bruise or an injury

- I am at high risk due to repeated concerns about safer sleeping /environment
- I am a mobile child with an unexplained bruise or injury
- I am under 13 yrs of age and sexually active / I have an STI / I am pregnant
- I have repeatedly committed crimes / I am known to the Police
- I am assessed as a possible risk of harm to the community

and this is having a significant detrimental impact on me

- I have been physically/sexually abused, including child sexual assault
- I have been kicked out of home / I have left home / I don't feel safe there • I have retreated socially / I struggle with my emotional and/or mental health
- I have plans to take my own life
- I have been abandoned or chronically neglected by my parent/carer
- I am being significantly emotionally abused by my parent/carer or my partner
- Others have significant concerns about my reliance on drugs or alcohol
- I am being forced to marry someone I don't want to
- I am at risk due to my family being trafficked / subject to modern day slavery

Mother / Father / Carers Indicators

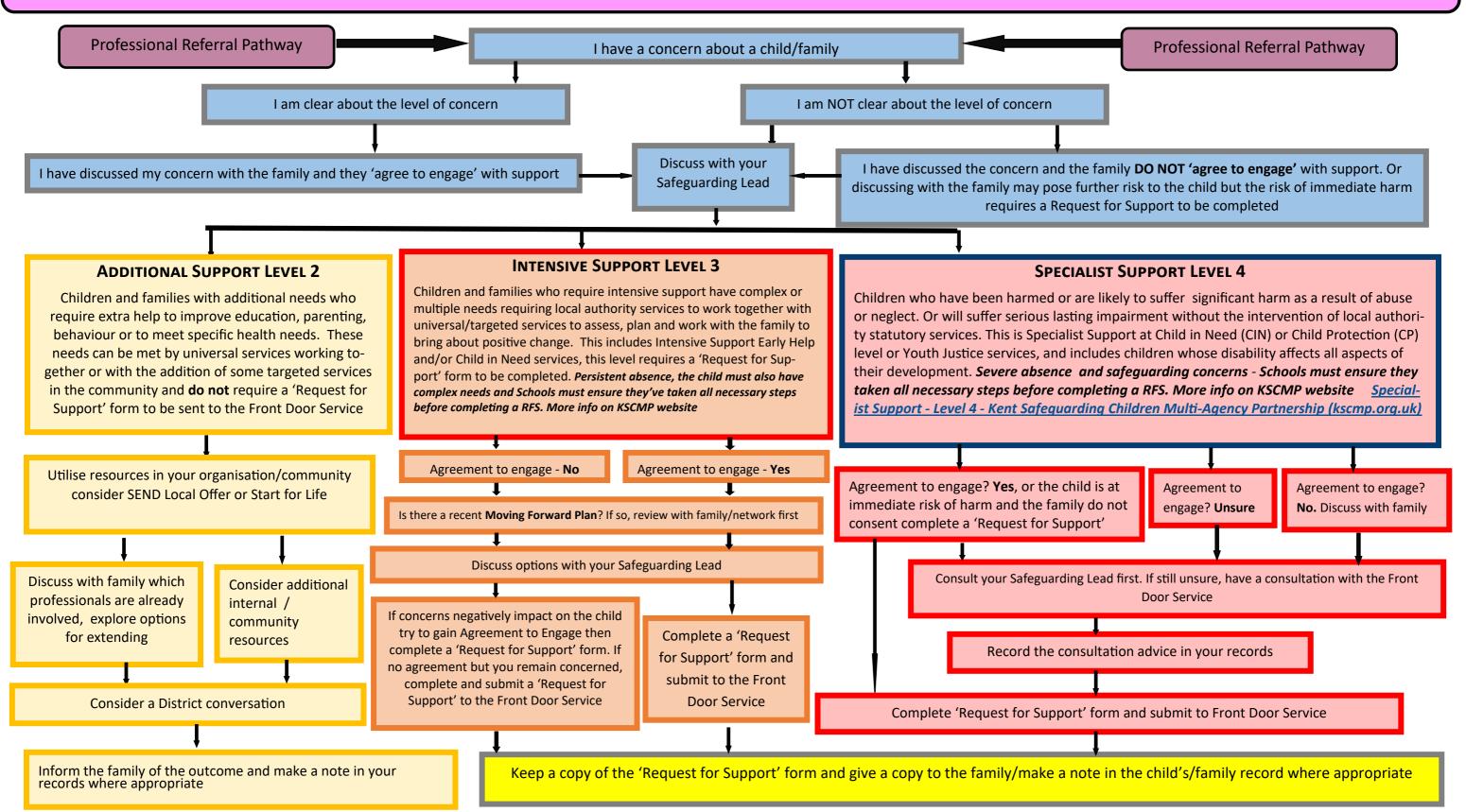
- My parents/carers require support to meet my needs as a severely disabled child/this has a significant impact on my family/parents/carers
- I am at significant risk because my carer cannot parent me properly
- I am at significant risk because my parents/carers are not supporting my medical or development needs
- I am at significant risk because my parents/carers are not able to protect me from known abusers in, or coming into, our family home
- I am at high risk due to being left home alone with no supervision or support
- I am at high risk due to my parents/carers mental health/substance abuse
- I am at high risk due to the level of domestic abuse in my family home • I am an unborn at risk due to the pregnancy being concealed
- I am at risk because my parent/carer has abused/neglected another child
- A previous child has been removed from my parents/carers care • I am at risk, my parent/carer is exaggerating or causing symptoms/illness in me
- I am at high risk due to my parents/carers learning or physical difficulties • I am at high risk due to my parents/carers cultural customs regarding Female
- Genital Mutilation (FGM) • I am at high risk due to my family's honour/cultural customs
- My parents may be benefitting from the risks to me outside my home

Risks to me outside my home/family

- I am being trafficked
- I am experiencing peer on peer abuse which may involve the use of/or being forced to carry weapons in a group setting, i.e. gangs/county lines
- I am at high risk due to illegal, unsafe or harmful content, conduct, commerce, or contact risks online
- I am high risk of harm of being radicalised, abused or exploited through technology or inappropriate relationships, in person, or online
- I am being criminally/sexually exploited in a group setting, i.e. Gangs
- I am instigating or experiencing intimate partner abuse or violence
- I am at high risk of significant harm when I go missing from home
- Others encourage or force me, to be frequently missing from home/school



Risks or harm to me outside my home; A contextual safeguarding approach is applied. This is when I am at risk due to my life experiences outside my home. It's when the relationships I have in the places, or spaces I spend time; in my neighbour-hood, my school and/or online, or within my peer group, may feature violence, exploitation and/or abuse. It often means that I am directly experiencing some level of coercive control that I don't recognise or accept as abusive. I am vulnerable as a result of this abuse. It encourage me to be secretive about these experiences which often significantly and negatively undermines the influence that my parents/carers have when they are trying to keep me safe.



REMEMBER— You only need to complete a Request for Support form if you are requesting support at Intensive or Specialist Support Levels 3 or 4.

Please answer the questions when completing the online 'Request for Support' form, because the information you provide, will be used to assess which is the most appropriate level of support required.

If it is not assessed to require support at Level 3 or 4, the form will be returned to you so that you can consider the Support Level 1 or 2 options. Information at kscmp.org.uk/supportlevels