

Domain 2 – Parents and Carers

Basic Care

No identified additional needs Universal services	Additional needs	Multiple needs	Children in need and those at risk of harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide for child/young person's physical needs e.g. food, drink, appropriate clothing, medical and dental care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic care is not provided consistently ▪ Food, warmth and other basics not always available ▪ Parent struggling without support and/or adequate resources ▪ Young inexperienced parent(s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic care is frequently inconsistent ▪ Food, warmth and other basics often not available ▪ Large family with several young children/persons ▪ Very young inexperienced parent(s) ▪ Parents' mental health problems or substance misuse significantly affect care of child/young person ▪ Parents have struggled to care for previous child/young persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Basic Care is rarely consistent ▪ Parents have seriously abused/neglected the child/young person ▪ Food, warmth and other basics frequently not available ▪ Supervision is haphazard ▪ Previous child/young persons have been removed from parents' care ▪ Parents' own needs mean they cannot keep child/young person safe

Ensuring Safety

No identified additional needs Universal services	Additional needs	Multiple needs	Children in need and those at risk of harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection from danger or significant harm in the home and elsewhere 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Haphazard supervision, unaware of child/young person's whereabouts Haphazard use of safety equipment e.g. fireguards Insufficient awareness of danger to the child/young person Inappropriate child-care arrangements and/or too many different carers Inappropriate frequent visits to doctor/casualty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instability and domestic violence in the home Poor supervision Inappropriate care arrangements such as succession of carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of supervision is inadequate given child/young person's age Parenting unable to restrict access to home by dangerous adults May involve leaving child/young person in the care of schedule 1 offenders Chronic and serious domestic violence involving the child/young person

Emotional Warmth

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows warm regard, praise and encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent responses to child/young person by parent(s) Child/young person able to develop other positive relationships Parents struggling to have their own emotional needs met 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child/young person receives erratic or inconsistent care Parental instability affects capacity to nurture Parents own emotional needs starting to compromise those of the child/young person Some relationship difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low warmth, high criticism Parents inconsistent, highly critical or apathetic towards child/young person Parents own emotional experiences impacting on their ability to meet the child/young person's needs Relationships characterised by rejection

Stimulation

No identified additional needs Universal services	Additional needs	Multiple needs	Children in need and those at risk of harm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitates cognitive development through ▪ Enables child/young person to experience success ▪ Child/young person accesses leisure facilities as appropriate to age and interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person spends considerable time alone ▪ Child/young person is not often exposed to new experiences ▪ Limited access to leisure facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person receiving little positive stimulation, with lack of any new experiences or activities ▪ Restricted access, if any to leisure facilities ▪ Child/young person under undue parental pressure to achieve/aspire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No constructive leisure time or activities ▪ No access to leisure facilities ▪ No relevant stimulation appropriate for age, may be inappropriate and harming e.g. exposure to inappropriately sexually explicit material at a young age.

Stability

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person has secure relationships ▪ Provides consistency of emotional warmth over time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person's key relationships with family members not always maintained ▪ Complex family dynamics result in ongoing level of instability ▪ Poor home routines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person has multiple carers, but no significant relationships to any of them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child/young person beyond parental control ▪ Family life may be chaotic ▪ Child/young person has no one to care for him/her ▪ Multiple carers, with no consistency

Guidance and boundaries

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides guidance so that child/young person can develop an appropriate internal model of value and conscience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child/young person can behave in an anti-social way in the neighbourhood e.g. petty crime Parent/carer offers inconsistent boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erratic or inadequate guidance provided Parents struggle/refuse to set effective boundaries Parent does not offer a good role model e.g. by behaving in an anti-social way Child/young person regularly behaves in an anti-social way in the neighbourhood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No effective boundaries Child/young person out of control in the community

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