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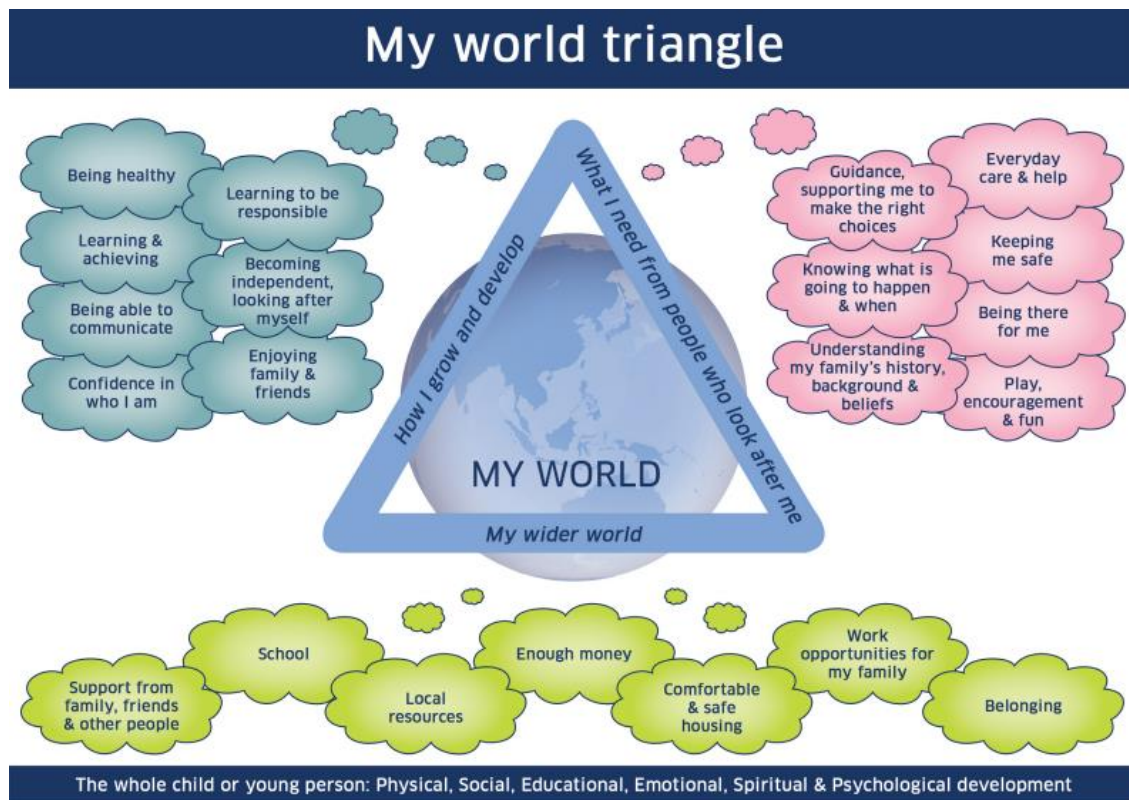


Children and Disability Team (CAD)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA



In Perth and Kinross services for disabled children and young people are being developed within the context of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989, Self-Directed Support (Scotland) Act 2011, Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2013 and the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, and are underpinned by the framework of Getting it Right for Every Child; My World Triangle and the SHANARRI indicators: Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Responsible, Respected and Included.



The purpose of this Eligibility Criteria is to be transparent with parents and professionals about how decisions are made, and to ensure that services are targeted at those with the highest levels of need consistently and fairly. These criteria should not be applied rigidly, and flexibility is required in order to allow for the exercise of professional judgement.

Most children in Perth and Kinross who require services will receive them through universal provision within their local community. The same should be true of any child with a disability. Only when it has been identified, that the impact of the child's disability on their life and/or that of their family is too great to be addressed by universal provision, should a referral for an assessment to the Children and Disability Team be considered. This criteria exists to establish if a child or young person is eligible for an assessment from the Children and Disability Team.

When a child or young person is allocated to the Children and Disability Team a Section 23 assessment (Children (Scotland) 1995) will be carried out and a Carer's Assessment/Adult Carer's support plan (Carer's Act (Scotland) 2016) will be offered. These will consider the whole family's needs and what supports are around them. Provision of resources including the level and type will be determined by these assessments. It is not the level of the child's disability that determines the service but the assessed impact the disability has on their quality of life and that of their family.

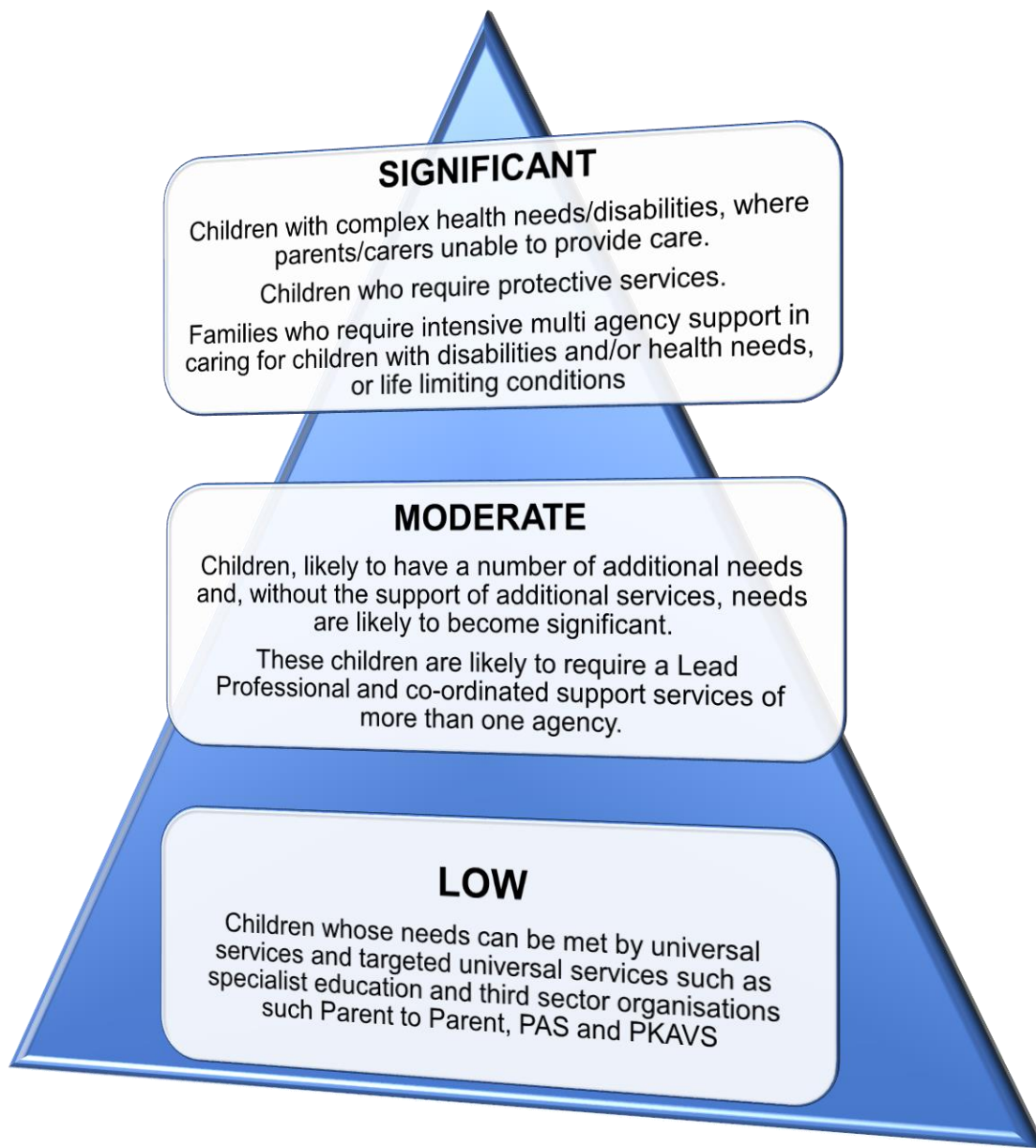
The Children and Disability Team works with children aged from 0 to 18; 16 to 18 year olds must be in secondary education. People over 16 and no longer in secondary education may be eligible for support from Health and Social Care Adult Service

The Children and Disability Team will offer an assessment (under Sect. 23 Children (Scotland) Act 1995) where the child has a condition diagnosed by a Doctor or Consultant which is substantial, long lasting or permanent, physical and or a learning disability or a life limiting, life threatening condition.

These may include:

- Severe learning disabilities;
- Severe physical disabilities;
- Severe developmental delay in motor and or cognitive functioning;
- Profound multiple disabilities;
- Complex and severe health problems that arise from the disability, that are life threatening, degenerative illness or organic disorder resulting in severe disability;
- A diagnosis of Autism with an associated learning disability and where the condition severely affects day to day functioning;
- Children and Young people with a sole diagnosis of ADHD are not eligible for referral.

The triangle below illustrates categories of identified levels of need. To be eligible for a service from the Children and Disability Team, the child/young person's needs should be significant. However, there will be occasions when children who meet the moderate level will also be considered for a service in order to prevent crisis.



SIGNIFICANT

- No one is available or able to meet the child or young person's basic needs
- Families who require intensive multi agency support in caring for children with disabilities and/or health needs, or life limiting conditions.
- Children/young people with disabilities who require specialist input because of mental health needs additional to their diagnosis, e.g. CAMHS
- Children with disabilities who have recently been subject to a child protection plan, and who remain in need of ongoing specialist

MODERATE

- It is apparent that the families own resources and/ or Universal and Targeted services are unable to provide the required level of support.
- Children, including children with disabilities are likely to have a number of additional needs and, without the support of additional services will not meet their potential and GIRFEC, Child's Planning meeting should be held by lead professional.
- Children/young people with disabilities who require specialist input because of mental health needs, e.g. CAMHS
- A referral for Outreach support, PAS, Aberlour or Barnardo's could be considered

LOW

- All children, including children with disabilities, at this level may have one or two low level needs that can be met by one agency or referral to another other agency.
- Children, including children with disabilities are likely to have a number of additional needs and, without the support of additional services will not meet their potential and a Child's Planning meeting should be held by the named professional.
- Needs can be met by universal services and targeted universal services such as specialist education and third sector organisations such Parent to Parent, PAS and PKAVS

These criteria will be closely monitored and periodically reviewed in order to ensure that the desired outcomes are being achieved for all children with a disability who require additional services.