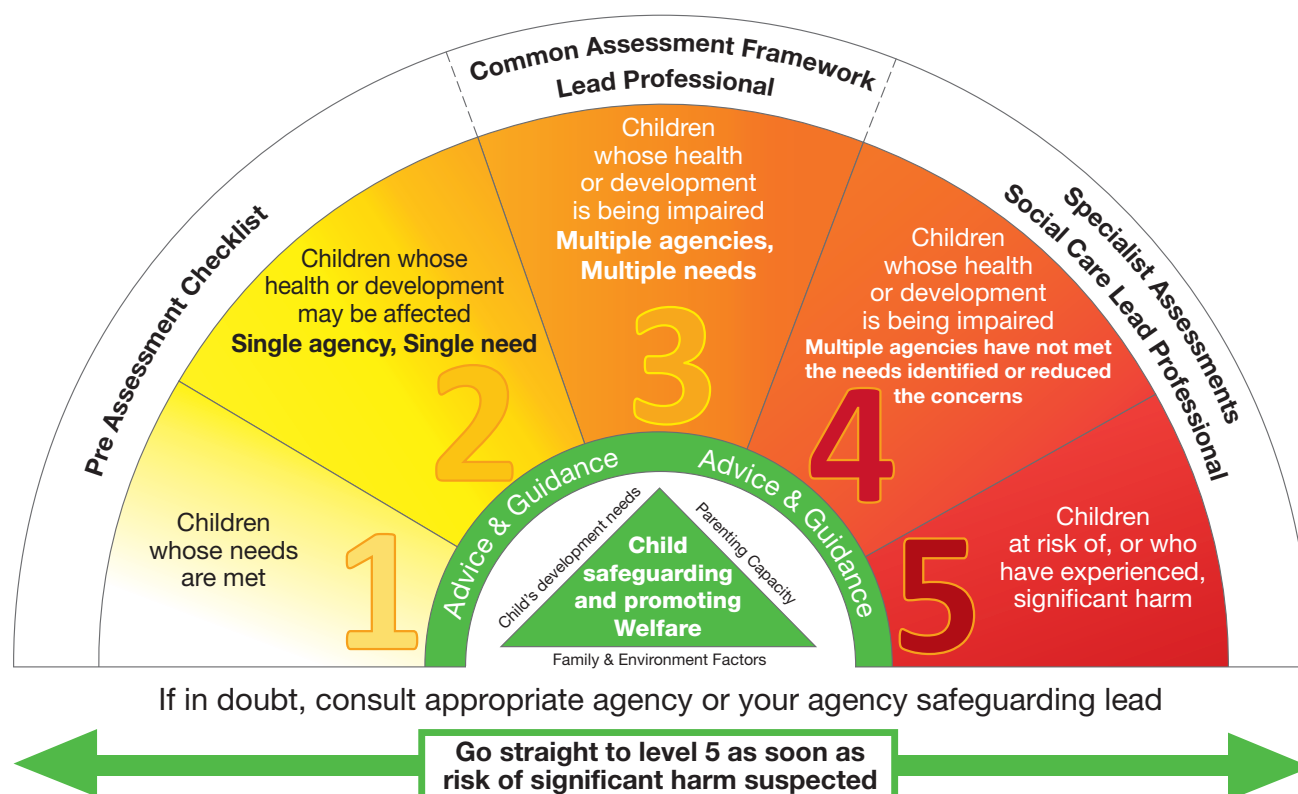


# Continuum of Need and Response for all Children, Young People and Families in Calderdale



Whenever possible the service response must be directed at reducing risk and vulnerability and meeting needs at the appropriate, lowest level of intervention. The availability of and access to effective early intervention and preventative services is essential in order to achieve this.

**Level 1** represents children with no identified additional needs. Their needs are met through accessing universal services.

**Level 2** represents children with additional needs that can be met by targeted support by a single practitioner or agency - universal services.

**Level 3** represents children with additional needs that can be met by targeted support by a multi-agency integrated support package - mainly universal services co-ordinating their approach.

**Level 4** represents children with significant additional needs that have not been met following a co-ordinated, multi-agency response and for whom significant concerns remain. This is when Children's Social Care may become involved.

**Level 5** represents children with complex needs at the highest level of vulnerability which will be met by multi agency support from specialist services. (Social Care will always be the lead professional when a child protection enquiry is necessary, S47 Children Act 1989).

## Useful contacts

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