

Identifying Children with Additional Needs:

The CAF is aimed at identifying and intervening to help Children with Additional Needs. For more information on how additional needs may present see the “Levels of Need and Service Response [Guidance](#)”. The working definition of this group is that they are children who need additional support to enable them to progress satisfactorily in the five outcomes to:

- **Be Healthy** – This means babies, children and young people are physically healthy, mentally and emotionally healthy, sexually healthy, living healthy lifestyles and choosing not to take illegal drugs. We also want to help parents, carers and families make healthy choices.
- **Stay Safe** – This means babies, children and young people are safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation, safe from accidental injury and death, safe from bullying and discrimination, safe from crime and anti-social behaviour in and out of school, and have security, stability and are cared for. We also want to help parents, carers and families to provide safe homes and stability, to support learning and to develop independent living skills for their children.
- **Enjoy and achieve** – This means young children are ready for school, school age children attend and enjoy school, children achieve stretching national educational standards at primary school, children and young people achieve personal and social development and enjoy recreation, and children and young people achieve stretching national educational standards at secondary school. We also want parent, carers and families to support families.
- **Make a positive contribution** – This means children and young people engage in decision making and support the community and environment, engage in law-abiding and positive behaviour in and out of school, develop positive relationships and choose not to bully or discriminate, develop self-confidence and successfully deal with significant and life changes and challenges and develop enterprising behaviour. We also want to help parents, carers and families to promote positive behaviour.
- **Achieve economic well-being** – This means young people engage in further education, employment or training on leaving school, young people are ready for employment, children and young people live in decent homes and sustainable communities, children and young people have access to transport and material goods, and children and young people live in households free from low income. We also want parents, carers and families to be economically active.