

Multi-Agency Thresholds Document

1. This report is to brief members on the new Multi-agency Thresholds document that is currently being used in Wiltshire.
2. It is good practice for local areas to have this type of document to provide clarity for all professionals working with children and young people so that there is a common understanding of levels of need and support together with an outline of processes to access additional services.
3. Following consultation, a revised version of the Multi-Agency Thresholds document was distributed to schools and other partner agencies in July. A copy of the document is attached to this report. It sets out revised processes for accessing support for children and young people with additional needs and also provides guidance on making decisions on service thresholds to everyone who works with children and young people.
4. The revised system set out in the document took effect in September. In line with feedback from schools and other agencies, requests for support from a single service will be made on the new Single Agency Referral Form. This is the list of services that can be accessed via completion of the SARF

Behaviour Support
Education Psychology
Education Welfare
Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS)
Sensory Service (visual and hearing impairment)
Specialist SEN Service (SSENS)
Traveller Education Service
Speech and Language Therapy (through Health)
Integrated Youth Services

5. The CAF will continue to be completed where there is a need for more than one service or the child/young person's needs are not well understood. It is also expected that a CAF will be completed for the vast majority of children and young people at risk of, or about to be, permanently excluded as there is evidence that these are some of our most vulnerable children and young people.
6. The committee is asked to note this report.

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