

Appendix 4

Appendix 5 Thresholds – Criteria of Vulnerability Guidelines (Adapted for CLCH from the London Continuum of Need)

UNIVERSAL Level 1a - Universal No identified additional needs. Response services are universal services.
UNIVERSAL Level 1b Enhanced Progressive Universal- (additional needs) Children with low level additional needs. Single agency within universal services likely to be able to resolve issue through short term intervention Response services are universal enhanced progressive services. The anticipated outcome is to remain in universal. This is the threshold to consider beginning a common assessment if short term intervention shows little improvement.
TARGETED Level 2 - Vulnerable Need and Low Risk Child's needs are not clear, not known or not being met. Short term intervention by one or more agencies, anticipated outcome uncertain, may require further intervention. This is the threshold for beginning a common assessment. Response services are universal services and/or targeted services.
SPECIALIST Level 3 – Complex Complex needs likely to require longer term intervention from statutory and/or specialist services. High level additional unmet needs - this will usually require a targeted integrated response, which will usually include a specialist or statutory service. This is also the threshold for a child in need which will require Children's Social Care intervention. LAC children (other than those deemed to be at Level 4). Children with asylum seeker or refugee status.
SPECIALIST Level 4 – Acute / Significant Acute/ significant needs, requiring statutory intensive support. This level includes the threshold for child protection which will require Children's Social Care intervention. LAC children of special concern.