

Impact of Parental Substance Misuse on Children and Young People
Screening Tool (version 1)

Child means any child or young person aged between 0 – 18. Adult/parent/carer means anyone with parental/caring responsibility for the child.

Level 1: Universal Services **Level 2-3:** consider CAF **Level 3-4:** consider Request for Service form to Social Care

		Yes	No	D/K	Details	Level of Need 1 – 4
	Has the child been seen alone? Please explain					
	Is the adult(s) in treatment?					
	Childs Safety					
1	Is the Child left unsupervised or with carers who may present a risk (eg adults feeling drowsy/losing consciousness, falling asleep, collecting drugs)					
2	Is the home environment safe? (e.g. storage of medication, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, other factors) ? Have toxicity risks to children been discussed?					
3	Do other substance misusers/dealers share or come into the home?					
4	Is the child taken to places that put them at risk?					
	Child's Health and Wellbeing					
5	Are any of the children disabled? Are the concerns that specific care needs are not being met (e.g. personal hygiene , medication etc)					
6	Are there any signs of neglect? e.g. missing meals, cold home, lack of routine, unsuitable clothes					
7	Does the child have friends and are they able to bring them home?					
8	Do children have other caring relationships within or outside the family?					
9	Does the child miss school/nursery/other appointments?					

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10	Has any agency expressed concerns about the child?					
11	How would you describe the relationship between the child and parent (is it close, is there separation anxiety)					
12	Is the child taking on a caring role?					
13	Are there concerns about the child's development?					
14	Does the child seem excessively anxious/angry or upset for no apparent reason?					
15	Is there evidence that the child is self harming or has threatened suicide?					
16	Has the child been in trouble with the police or displayed anti- social behaviour?					
17	Is the child using drugs or alcohol? If yes refer to CYP substance misuse screening tool)					
	Parental capacity					
18	Is there a non substance misusing adult living with the child?					
19	Does the child witness adults taking drugs/ drinking alcohol excessively?					
20	Does the adult think their substance misuse is a problem?					
21	Do the parents/carers see the substance misuse as harmful to the child?					
22	Are there current/is there a history of any mental health issues within the family?					
23	Is there any evidence of conflict between the adults in the house?					
24	Do the family move frequently? Is there a risk of homelessness?					
25	Are there signs of financial difficulty? (rent arrears, lack of food etc?)					

Action Taken.....

Signed:..... **Date**.....