

KEY INDICATORS - EMOTIONAL NEGLECT

| | UNIVERSAL/EARLY INTERVENTION | EARLY HELP | TARGETED EARLY HELP | CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE |
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| Characteristics of carers | <p>Cannot cope with children's demands</p> <p>Parents may feel awkward/tense when alone with their children</p> <p>Inconsistent responses to child</p> | <p>Failure to connect emotionally with child</p> <p>Lots of rules</p> <p>Lack of attachment to child</p> <p>Unrealistic expectations in line with child's development</p> | <p>Dismissive/punitive response to child's needs</p> <p>Poor attachment to child</p> | <p>Parental responses lack empathy</p> <p>Not emotionally available to child</p> <p>No attachment to child</p> |
| Characteristics of children | <p>Over friendly with strangers</p> <p>Over reliance on social media to interact</p> <p>No risk CSE</p> | <p>Frightened/unhappy/anxious/low self-esteem</p> <p>Know their role in family</p> <p>Attention seeking</p> <p>Mild risk CSE</p> | <p>Withdrawn/isolated</p> <p>Fear intimacy and dependency</p> <p>Self-reliant</p> <p>Difficulties in regulating emotions</p> <p>Very poor self esteem</p> <p>Moderate risk CSE</p> | <p>Precocious</p> <p>Unresponsive/no crying</p> <p>Oversexualised behaviour</p> <p>Self-harm</p> <p>Significant risk CSE</p> |
| What professionals notice | <p>Ignore advice</p> <p>Children spend a lot of time on-line</p> <p>Lack of engagement with universal services</p> <p>Materially advantaged</p> <p>Child not included</p> <p>Child always immaculately clean</p> <p>Child and family isolated in community</p> <p>Pattern of re-referrals to HantsDirect</p> <p>Poor dental hygiene</p> | <p>Avoid contact</p> <p>Missed appointments</p> <p>Child learns to block expressions</p> <p>Child 'shut down'</p> <p>Risky behaviour on-line</p> <p>Material advantages can mask the lack of emotional warmth and connection</p> <p>Pattern of re-referrals to HantsDirect</p> | <p>Deride professionals</p> <p>Children unavailable</p> <p>Children appear overly resilient</p> <p>Poor social relationships due to isolation</p> <p>Scapegoated child</p> <p>Regression in child's behaviour</p> <p>Pattern of step ups to social care</p> <p>Severe dental disease</p> | <p>May seek help with a child who needs to be 'cured'</p> <p>Fabricated illness</p> <p>Parents seeking a diagnosis/label for child</p> <p>Pattern of step downs to early help</p> |