

KEY INDICATORS - EMOTIONAL NEGLECT

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Frightened/unhappy/ anxious/low self-esteem Know their role in family Attention seeking Mild risk of Exploitation	Withdrawn/isolated Fear intimacy and dependency Self-reliant Difficulties in regulating emotions Very poor self esteem Moderate risk of Exploitation	Precocious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