

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN REDBRIDGE?

Below is a 'quick reference' guide for identifying need and making a referral, if you are worried about a child. Full information is available in the [LSCB Multi-Agency Threshold Document](#), published in September 2018. This includes examples of need at the different levels. It also includes guidance on seeking consent to a referral from parents or carers, and when a referral might be made without consent.

LEVEL OF NEED	HOW SHOULD I REFER?
Level 1 – children with no additional needs – their health and developmental needs will be met by parents / carers and access to the universal services that are available to all children.	Information about resources available to support families in Redbridge can be found on Family Services Directory (FiND). http://find.redbridge.gov.uk/kb5/redbridge/fsd/home.page . For more information, telephone 0800 587 7500
Level 2 – Children with additional needs – children who require additional support to ensure that their health and developmental needs are met. They will benefit from 'early help', which seeks to provide help and support to children, young people and their families in the early stages when concerns are identified, and to avoid those concerns escalating. However, the level of need or risk is not such that involvement by statutory children's social care services is required.	If multi-agency support is needed, complete a Common Assessment Framework (CAF). For guidance and support, contact the CAF Team on 020 8708 3885. You may also be able to make a referral to the Early Intervention Panel – contact Early.Intervention@redbridge.gov.uk
Level 3 – children with multiple needs – children who require specialist services to achieve or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development or to prevent significant impairment of their health or development. This is the threshold for a children and families assessment led by a qualified social worker. This level of need may include, for example, children living in households with serious or persistent physical violence, children with a disability whose parents do not appear to be meeting their developmental needs, children in respect of whom sexual abuse or sexual exploitation is suspected, or children demonstrating strong support for extremist ideologies.	Refer to social care using a Multi-Agency Referral Form (MARF) to CPAT.referrals@redbridge.gov.uk
Level 4 – children with acute needs, at risk of significant harm, including children at risk of involvement in violent extremist activities. If this threshold is met, a multi-agency strategy meeting will be held to plan action and investigation under child protection procedures.	Refer immediately to social care using a Multi-Agency Referral Form (MARF) to CPAT.referrals@redbridge.gov.uk – telephone 0208 708 3885

Key Contacts	
Child Protection and Assessment Team (CPAT)	E-mail: CPAT.Referrals@redbridge.gov.uk Tel: 020 8708 3885 (weekdays)
Emergency Duty Team (EDT)	Tel: 020 8708 5897 (evenings and weekends)
Families Together Hub	E-mail: Early.Intervention@redbridge.gov.uk Tel: 0208 708 2611
Common Assessment Framework (CAF) Team	E-mail: cafadmin@redbridge.gov.uk Tel: 0208 708 9535
Emergency – Police – if child or young person is in immediate danger	Tel: 999