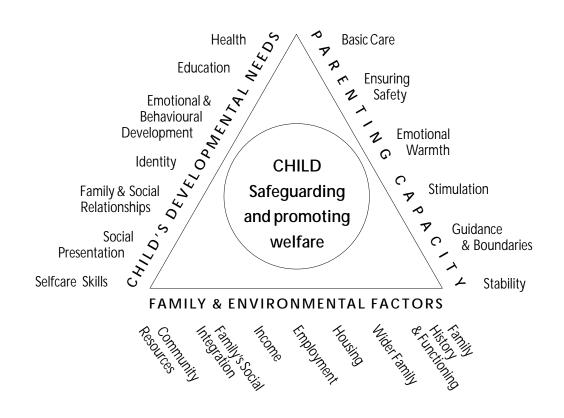
CORE ASSESSMENT RECORD

Young person aged 15 years and over				
Name _				
	Date of birth			
Address _				
Telephone number				
Name of social worker completing assessment:				



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Undertaking the core assessment

- The Core Assessment Record provides a framework for systematically recording the findings from the core assessment. Whilst the Assessment Record provides some guidance on the areas that should be covered in a core assessment, it is a tool and should not be used as a substitute for a professionally informed assessment process, analysis and judgement.
- The questionnaires and scales published in the accompanying materials to the Framework for the Assessment of Child in Need and their Families may be useful in obtaining the information in specific areas (Department of Health, Cox and Bentovim, 2000). The Assessment Record indicates where particular questionnaires and scales may be useful. Practitioners may also choose to use other assessment tools to assist them.
- The Core Assessment Record may be completed in a number of different ways. For example, the social worker may wish to discuss each area with the family before completing the record and then share this with the family. Alternatively, having undertaken some or all of the core assessment the social worker may wish to complete the form with the child's parents or carers.
- Parents and carers invariably want to do the best for their children. Completing the
 record will help social workers to recognise the strengths that families have as well as identifying areas where they may need further help.
- Completing the core assessment should always be done in a way that helps parents or carers, children and other relevant family members to have their say and encourages them to take part. Space has been provided within the forms for parents/carers and older children to be involved in the assessment.
- It is expected that other agencies should be involved as appropriate during the core assessment process. Parental permission to contact other agencies should be obtained except in cases where the safety of the child would be jeopardised (paragraphs 7.27 to 7.38 of Working Together to Safeguard Children provides guidance on this issue). Permissions should be obtained from other agencies to share their information with the family.
- It is important that all sections of the Core Assessment Record are considered carefully. The analysis of the information gathered should be recorded in the plan. In some cases it will not be appropriate to complete particular sections, and in such situations the reason why should be recorded in the summary section. The information gathered is then used to develop case objectives and plans.
- In competing the record, it should be possible to see what help and support the child and family need, and which agencies might be best placed to give that help. This might include more detailed assessments of specific issues.
- Families should be provided with the following information:

Complaints procedures	date provided
Information on access to records	date provided
Other relevant/available information	date provided
(please specify)	

Sources of information

Dates young person and family med	mbers seen		
Name		Date(s) seen	
Agencies consulted/involved as par	rt of the assessment		
Agency	Person		Contact number
Questionnaires, Scales or other Inst	truments used in assessme	nt	
Questionnaire/Scale/Instrument			Date(s) used
Specialist Assessments			
Agency/person who undertook the	Purpose of the assessme	ent	Date(s) assessment
assessment			commissioned and completed

Details concerning a core assessment

D1 What is the reason for undertaking the core assessment?
Date core assessment started
Date core assessment ended
The Government's Objectives for Childen's Social Services (1999) require the core assessment to be completed within 35 working days.
D2 Are there specific communication needs for young person/parent (eg. impairment affecting communication or English is not the first language)?
If so, what action has been taken to address this ie. use of an interpreter or a signer?

Background details concerning the young person (This information supplements the information recorded on the Referral and Initial Assessment Record)

B/K1 Significant relatives who are not part of the young person's household					
Birth father Parental responsibility Yes No Name Name					
Address					
Brothers and sisters					
Name(s) Age Address					
Others (please specify)					
Name(s) Relationship to child Address					
B/K2 If the young person has any health conditions, impairment(s) or a genetically inherited condition – please					
give details (include for example: physical disability, sensory impairment, Down's syndrome, encephalitis, autism, sickle cell anaemia, cystic fibrosis)					
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B/K3 Key events which may have had an impact on the young person					
(for example: death of a close relative, pregnancy, parenthood)					
B/K4 Other key events experienced by siblings or other family members which may affect the young person					

Key research sources

The Assessment Record is based on research information drawn from a number of sources

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Young person's developmental needs

Health

		Young person's needs			Summary/clarification of young person's needs
			Yes	No	
Normally well is defined as unwell for 1 week or	H1	Young person is normally well			
less in the last 6	H2	Experiences frequent accidents			
months. Young people should	H3	Has a chronic physical illness/disability			
have had the following immunisations: BCG (tuberculosis) and for	H4	Wets or soils without physical explanation			
school leavers:	H5	Has a regular sleep pattern			
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio.	H6	Has been appropriately immunised			
To gather further	H7	Is responsible for own health			
information consider using the Alcohol Scale.	H8	Is an occassional/non smoker			
Young people need	H9	Is not addicted to illicit drugs			
factual information about sex and		Alcohol consumption is within the young person's control			
contraception.	H11	Eats an adequate, nutritious diet			
Half of conceptions to under-age girls result in live births.		Has an accurate knowledge about sex and contraception			
Parenthood at this age has long term consequences for a young person's life	H13	Has a responsible, trusted adult to whom he/she can talk about sex and contraception			
chances.	H14	Has been/is pregnant or has fathered a child			
	H15	Other			
		Other Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
			Yes	No	issues identified
To gather further		Parental capacity	Yes	No	issues identified
To gather further information consider using the Home Conditions Assessment.	H16	Parental capacity Basic care	Yes		issues identified
information consider using the Home Conditions	H16 H17	Parental capacity Basic care A healthy diet is provided at home Parents ensure illnesses and injuries receive appropriate	Yes	\[\bigcup_{\color=0}^{\color=0} \]	issues identified
information consider using the Home Conditions Assessment. Black families may have less access to preventative and support services than	H16 H17	Parental capacity Basic care A healthy diet is provided at home Parents ensure illnesses and injuries receive appropriate medical attention	Yes	<i>No</i> □ □ □ □ □	issues identified
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Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
	H24	Parent encourages the young person to take care of his/her own health		
	H25	Parent shows approval of the young person taking care of own health		
	H26	Parent is sympathetic to the young person's symptoms or injuries		
	H27	Accepts young person's sexual orientation		
	H28	Other		
		Stimulation		
Increasing numbers of young people are suffering obesity.	H29	Parent promotes involvement in physical activity		
9	H30	Parent advises about health issues		
Regular physical exercise is an important preventative measure.	H31	Ensures information on the risks to health of having unprotected sex (i.e. without a condom)		
Disabled young people may need special help or equipment for	H32	Ensures information is available about sexuality and sexual orientation		
exercise.	H32	Other		
Disabled or young				
people with a health problem need		Guidance and Boundaries		
information and	H34	Parent supports sex education		
opportunities to help them understand and		Parent supports health education		
learn about themselves. When one parent is a		Parents' use of alcohol sets the young person a good example		
problem drinker, the non drinking parent	H37	Parent uses illicit drugs		
may not always be able to protect the young person.		Other		
Parental problem drug		Stability		
use is associated with young people using illicit drugs.	H39	Parent ensures medical and dental appointments are kept		
-	H40	Parents support each other in promoting/caring for the young person's health		
	H41	Other		
Social worker's sum appropriately	nmary	of the young person's needs in th	nis are	ea and the extent to which parents are responding

		roung person's needs			Summary/clarification of young person's need
			Yes	No	date Subject level
SATs are given to pupils in the summer term of Years 2, 6, & 9 (ages 7,	E1	Young person's educational progress is at expected level Note SATs results			English Maths Science
11 & 14). At 15–16 years most	E2	At 16 or over has at least 1 GCSE at grade A-G or a GNVQ			
young people are performing at level 6-7 at key stage 4.	E3	Young person attends: School/further education Full-time/part-time work			
Black pupils often underachieve at school Black pupils are 4 times	E4	Is excluded from school Unemployed less than 6 months Unemployed more than 6 months			
more likely to be excluded than white pupils. Excluded black children are usually of	E5	Attends school regularly (note number of unauthorised days absent in past year)			
higher ability with fewer chronic	E6	Punctuality is good			
disruptive behaviours than white pupils who are excluded.		Challenging/disruptive behaviour at school/work/training			
Non school/work attendance may be	E8	Young person has a friend(s) at school/training/work place			
related to bullying.	E9	Has a good relationship with a member of staff			
	E10	Responds positively to instruction			
	E11	Young person's lack of concentration impedes learning			
	E12	Other			
		Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
		Basic care	Yes	No	
When a parent has a earning disability only 15% of children are	E13	Parent tries to ensure regular school/work attendance			
similarly affected. Not all young people	E14	Parent/carer supports and encourages homework			
with impairments will need a statement of Special Educational	E15	If the young person is not achieving at school:			
Needs. Disabled young people		Is there an Individual Education Plan?			
may need financial nelp, equipment or adaptations to enable	F16	Is there a statement of Special Educational Needs? Other			
them to get to school/work.					
Persistent non school attendance or		Ensuring safety			
unemployment can place great strain on families.	E17	Parent tries to ensure the journey to and from school/work is safe			
	E18	Where necessary, parents have taken action over bullying			
	E19	Other			

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
Parents own problems may mean they are not	E20	Parent shows an interest in the young person's work		
always able to offer the intellectual stimulation a young person needs.	E21	Parent shows approval of educational efforts and		
To gather further		achievements	Ш	
information consider using the Family Activity Scale.		Parent supports the young person over school/work difficulties		
Examinations can cause great stress.		Parent places great pressure on young person to achieve		
great stress.	E24	Other		
All children need adequate and		Stimulation		
appropriate stimulation. When a	E25	School leavers/unemployed are encouraged to find work		
young person has profound or complex impairments it may be	E26	Parent encourages the young person to learn new skills		
helpful to check with a specialist before	E27	Other		
completing this section.		Guidance and Boundaries		
	E28	Parent tries to ensure prompt school/work attendance	П	П
	E29	Supports school rules/discipline		
Looking after a parent		Attempts to shield and support	_	
or sibling may interfere with a young person's work.		the young person from family problems that may interfere with schooling/work		
	E31	Other Street Str		
		Stability		
The key to educational progress is a parent or	E31	Parent regularly attends school events/parents' meetings		
significant adult who takes an interest in their learning and offers	E32	Young person's books/school work are looked after		
praise and encouragement.	E33	Parents agree with each other in supporting education/work ethic		
	E34	Other		
Social worker's sur appropriately	nmary	y of the young person's needs in t	this ar	ea and the extent to which parents are responding

Emotional and Behavioural Development

		Young person's needs			Summary/clarification of young person's needs
			Yes	No	
To gather further	B1	Young person is usually happy			
information consider using the Strengths and	В2	Frequently withdraws emotionally			
Difficulties Questionnaire and The Adolescent Wellbeing	В3	Young person generally feels life is not worth living			
Scale. Depressive feelings and	B4	Often stays away from home/out late without parental permission			
disorders increase in young adult hood. Girls	В5	Has run away from home			
are more prone than boys.	В6	Young person copes with anger and frustration			
Young people may cope with upsetting parental behaviours by	В7	Talks about feelings with a trusted adult(s)			
withdrawing or running away.	В8	Inflicts injuries on him/herself (i.e. scratching, cutting, head banging)			
A quarter of homeless 16–25s left home because of domestic	В9	Has/is seeing a mental health professional			
violence.	B10	Is preoccupied with violence			
Self harm must be treated seriously and	B11	Challenging/disruptive behaviour affects safety of young person			
appropriate help sought.	B12	Bullies others			
	B13	Respects the concept of ownership			
	B14	Has been cautioned or convicted within past year			
	B15	Other			
		Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
		Basic care	Yes	No	
Depression can affect parent's capacity to care about their child.	B16	Parent/carer assures the young person they will always be there for them			
Most at risk are victims of parental aggression or neglect.	B17	Family disagreements are resolved in non-violent ways			
When a young person is disabled or sensory	B18	Other			
impaired, behaviours such as rocking or		Ensuring safety			
constant screaming must not be dismissed.	B19	Tries to ensure young person's general whereabouts are known			
	B20	Young person is hit or physically chastised			
Consider whether the feelings and behaviour that troubles the young	B21	Help is sought over unresolvable relationship problems			
person and parent would benefit from specialist assessment and help.	B22	Other			

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
Young people who are abused or witness	B23	Young person is comforted when frightened or distressed		
family violence are particularly traumatised.	B24	Young person is exposed to frequent criticism/hostility		
Discussing feelings becomes more difficult	B25	Young person is encouraged to talk about fears and worries		
when a young person depends on non verbal methods of communication.	B26	Other		
To gather further		Stimulation		
information consider using The Parenting Daily Hassles Scale.	B27	Young person is often exposed to parents' emotional distress		
Duny Hassies scale.	B28	Young person is encouraged to share with others		
	B29	Other		
		Guidance and Boundaries		
Positive methods for encouraging co-operation include:	B30	Parent uses a variety of positive methods to gain the young person's co-operation/good behaviour		
raise, negotiation, modelling, rewards, distraction, persuasion	B31	There are clear family rules and limits about behaviour		
and explanation.	B32	Parent teaches respect for the law		
		Young person is encouraged to help with household tasks		
	B34	Parents do not burden the young person with their own problems		
When young people witness violence they	B35	Young person is protected from seeing frightening adult behaviour		
have difficulty in controlling their own emotions and	B36	Other		
behaviour.		Stability		
	B37	Young person is responded to in a consistent and predictable manner		
	B38	Parents/carers generally support each other in applying family rules		
	B39	Other		
Social worker's sun appropriately	nmary	of the young person's needs in th	nis are	ea and the extent to which parents are responding

Identity

	Young person's needs			Summary/clarification of young person's needs
		Yes	No	
Cultural identity	ID1 Young person is self confident			
develops from all aspects of a person's	ID2 Takes pride in his/her appearance			
experience.	ID3 Takes pride in achievements			
The way in which black disabled young people	ID4 Has a sense of his/her own culture			
define themselves is affected by their personal experience of	ID5 Is comfortable with his/her own racial identity			
both racism and disability.	ID6 Is at ease with his/her sexual orientation			
Dual heritage does not always result in identity problems/conflicts.	ID7 Is confident when relating to friends of either sex			
Racism and bullying are	ID8 Chooses own friends			
common place in the lives of black young people.	ID9 Is able to make decisions on appropriate matters			
реоріс.	ID10 Blames him/herself for parent's troubles			
	ID11 Feels everything is out of control			
	ID12 Other			
	Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
	Basic care	Yes	No	
Young people who grow up in families which experience many	ID13 Clothes and appearance are acceptable to the young person			
stresses and problems will need positive messages to avoid developing a negative	ID14 Parents see the young person as having unique strengths and encourages them			
self image and poor self esteem. Disabled young people need even more	ID15 Other			
help. Disabled young people	Ensuring safety			
have a right to be dressed appropriately but their dress should not impede movement, endanger stability or	ID16 Young person's dress is appropriate for age, gender, culture and religion and where necessary, impairment			
aggravate their skin.	ID17 Young person is supervised appropriately taking into account personality and developmental level			
	ID18 Young person is encouraged to talk about worries and concerns			
	ID19 Young person is supported if exposed to harassment or racism			
	ID20 Other			

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

	Emotional warmth	Yes	s No
For young people to develop a positive self image they need to feel	ID21 Parent often shows spontaneous affection to the young person		
loved and valued for	ID22 Shows pride in the young person		
themselves.	ID23 Young person's efforts/ achievements are praised		
	ID24 Friendships are supported where appropriate		
	ID25 Other		
	Stimulation		
Young people need positive role models of the same racial/ethnic	ID26 Has the opportunity to learn own cultural traditions/language		
origins as him/ herself.	ID27 Independence is encouraged		
In all cultures disabled young people may be	ID28 Is given control over appropriate aspects of his/her life		
treated as younger than their actual age; a particular risk for the	ID29 Other		
learning disabled children.	Guidance and Boundaries		
	ID30 Is taught respect and toleration		
	ID31 Family is tolerant of different cultures, ethnic groups etc		
Young people often suffer if they are	ID32 Young person is protected from parental mental illness/symptoms		
included in the imaginary world of a mentally ill parent.	ID33 Young person is reassured when parent's behaviour is disturbing		
	ID34 Other		
Although at times	Stability		
rebellious and moody, most young people	ID35 Is included in family celebrations		
remain integrated within the family culture	ID36 Is accepted as a family member		
and participate in important family	ID37 Parent ensures that day to day living has order and stability		
celebrations.	ID38 Other		
Young people who are routinely rejected come to see themselves as			
unloved and unlovable.			
Social worker's sun appropriately	nmary of the young person's needs in t	this ar	area and the extent to which parents are responding

Family and social relationships

		Young person's needs			Summary/clarification of young person's needs
			Yes	No	
Young unaccompanied asylum seekers	F1	Young person has a strong, positive relationship with a parent			
experience acute loss.	F2	Looks after the family			
Young people can look after younger siblings	F3	Young person has a close friend(s)			
and sick parents but should not have overall responsibility.	F4	Is not cruel to other people or to animals			
A first love affair has great emotional impact.	F5	Regularly visits/spends time with friends			
Breaking up can be very stressful.	F6	Has an adult in whom he/she confides			
Close friends can help a young person cope with family problems.	F7	Sexual knowledge and behaviour is age-appropriate			
	F8	Has a steady sexual partner			
	F9	Young person has own child(ren)			
	F10	Is looking after own child(ren)			
	F11	Other			
		Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
Family taxaaa		Basic care	Yes	No	
Family issues or difficulties experienced by the young person		When away from home the young person stays with appropriate adults			
may result in him/ her living with a large number of different people (i.e. family,	F13	Parent/carer spends enough time with the young person to sustain a strong relationship			
friends, hospital care, or social services respite care).	F14	Other			
A disabled child may		Ensuring safety			
not protest when left with strangers because they have been handled	F15	The relationship between the young person and other children in the family is generally good			
by many unknown people. Nonetheless it remains a matter for concern.	F16	Parent monitors interactions between young person and siblings			
Long lasting rifts with the family are rare.	F17	Young person does not witness/ become involved in adult sexual behaviour			
	F18	Does not witness/become involved in adult violence			
	F19	Other			

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
Love and affection are shown in different ways depending on culture	F20	Parents/carers' relationships with others provides a good example to the young person		
and individual characteristics.	F21	Parent/carer encourages		
A supportive adult can help stressed parents to cope.	F22	affectionate family relationships Other		
Other young people may be valuable sources		Stimulation		
of support and can greatly influence ideas and actions.	F23	Young person has sufficient time to pursue his/her own interests		
When a young person is disabled, practical and	F24	Is enabled to spend time with friends		
social barriers can make getting out difficult, but it remains essential to	F25	Other		
their wellbeing.		Guidance and Boundaries		
	F26	Is encouraged to negotiate		
	F27	ls discouraged from violent or cruel behaviour		
	F28	ls given clear guidance on appropriate sexual behaviour		
Young carers can feel stigmatised and get	F29	Task of caring for the family is kept to a manageable level		
little recognition or respect for their contribution.	F30	Parent tries to ensure young person does not associate with unsuitable adults/peers		
	F31	Other		
Of central importance		Stability		
to a young person in all families is a loving and protective relationship.	F32	There is a stable pattern of care to day to day life		
p	F33	There is continuity of carers		
Untrained agency staff are not appropriate people to care for a	F34	A limited number of known, appropriate adults deliver intimate care		
disabled young person.	F35	Other		
Social worker's sur appropriately	mmary	y of the young person's needs in	this are	ea and the extent to which parents are responding

Social presentation

Young person's needs Summary/clarification of young person's needs Yes No Young people have well P1 Young person's language and developed social skills. behaviour do not cause offence or They can readily adjust embarrassment outside the family their conversation and behaviour to suit a P2 Personal hygiene is adequate variety of different P3 Has control over own clothes situations. and appearance A considerable P4 Talks/communicates about family proportion of money is without great difficulty spent on clothing and toiletries. P5 Young person is self-confident and appropriately open with adults Young people are very conscious of their P6 Is willing to listen to the advice of appearance and trusted and respected adults sensitive to criticism, particularly from their P7 Young person is overly friendly peers. with strangers Trusted and respected P8 Young person is self-confident and adults can influence open with peers young people's behaviour. Young person spends time with friends outside the home P10 Other Summary/clarification of family strengths or Parental capacity issues identified Note when issue is not relevant Basic care Yes No Young people may be P11 Parents/carers try to ensure that bullied or rejected at personal hygiene is satisfactory school or work because their clothes are soiled P12 Clothes and appearance is in line and inappropriate, or with the young person's wishes their personal hygiene is P13 Parents try to ensure any body poor. piecing is carried out responsibly The experience of P14 Parents/carers' behaviour sets a bullying, racism, harassment or being left good example to the young person out can lead to low self P15 Other esteem and may affect the young person's behaviour. **Ensuring safety** P16 Parents/carers encourage the young person to behave appropriately with strangers P17 Parents/carers teach appropriate behaviour in public settings P18 Parents/carers ensure the young person is supported in potentially dangerous settings P19 Other

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
When families are experiencing difficulties	P20	Parents/carers encourage the young person to be self-confident		
young people keep silent because they fear telling someone will	P21	Praise the young person for good social behaviour		
result in them 'getting into trouble', or being 'taken away'.	P22	Family members support each other over decisions on the young person's clothes and appearance		
	P23	Other		
		Stimulation		
	P24	Parents/carers encourage the young person to bring his/her friends home		
Young people often shun social events or keep friends at bay in an	P25	Encourage young person to join in social activities outside the home		
attempt to keep the family's circumstances secret.	P26	Allow control over clothes and appearance		
	P27	Other		
		Guidance and Boundaries		
Difficulties in relating well with adults outside the family, for example	P28	Give guidance on appropriate 'good manners' and respect for others		
teachers, workmates or supervisors may lead to poor relationships, feelings of detachment	P29	Parents relationships with neighbours and those in authority are generally harmonious		
and poor school results, or progress at work.	P30	Family members are engaged in criminal/antisocial activities		
	P31	Other.		
		Stability		
	P32	Parents/carers engage in regular social activities with other adults.		
	P33	The family feels accepted by the local community.		
	P34	Other.		
Social worker's sun	nmar	y of the young person's needs in t	his ar	ea and the extent to which parents are responding

Social worker's summary of the young person's needs in this area and the extent to which parents are responding appropriately

Selfcare skills

		Young person's needs			${\bf Summary/clarificationofyoungperson'sneeds}$
			Yes	No	
Young people without impairments are able to look after their own personal hygiene.	S1	Young person has age appropriate self care skills — looks after his/her own personal hygiene			
porsonarry grone.	S2	Understands the consequences of his/her own actions			
Young people are able	S3	Can prepare simple meals			
to prepare simple meals, use the telephone.	S4	Is solely responsible for looking after the home			
Can cope appropriately with an emergency.	S5	Can answer and use the telephone			
	S6	Young person accepts adult help with day to day tasks with reasonable grace			
Young people often	S7	Can plan journeys and travel alone			
wish to do things with friends rather than family.	S8	Can appropriately control own finances			
Young people who	S9	Makes own social arrangements			
leave home at an early age often do so	S10	Has slept/lived on the streets			
because of family	S11	Lives in own accommodation			
conflict, abuse, or because parents are no longer prepared to let them stay.	S12	Other			
		Parental capacity			Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant
		Basic care	Yes	No	
When parents' own concerns overwhelm them young people may be left responsible	S13	Parent/carer takes main responsibility for the day to day care of the young person			
for organising their own day to day living and that of younger brothers and sisters (i.e.	S14	Parents/carers encourage the young person to take responsibility for aspects of self care appropriate to age/stage of development			
bed-times, meals, getting to school or	C1E				
work, shopping).	315	Other			
		Ensuring safety			
	S16	A parent/carer monitors the young person's self care to ensure safety			
	S17	Young person has overall responsibility for looking after the home			
	S18	Other			

Summary/clarification of family strengths or issues identified Note when issue is not relevant

		Emotional warmth	Yes	No
	S19	Young person is praised for appropriate self care including cooking, shopping etc		
	S20	Other		
		Stimulation		
	S21	Young person is encouraged to gain appropriate self care skills (i.e. money management)		
	S22	Parent and young person with special educational needs are planning for greater independence		
	S23	Other		
		Guidance and Boundaries		
Parents' own difficulties may result in young people assuming a major role in looking after the family.	S24	Parents place appropriate boundaries on self care activities according to the young person's personality and stage of development		
Although young people can help look after a sick or disabled parent or younger sisters and prothers, an adult	S25	The young person is taught self care and safety in and out of the home (i.e. how to avoid/cope with every day dangers)		
should retain overall responsibility. Young carers may become extremely	S26	Young person knows how and who to contact when help is needed to cope with parental issues		
skilled in carrying out everyday household chores and in looking after themselves.	S27	Other		
arter themselves.		Stability		
	S28	There are stable arrangements for living		
Feeling responsible for the family can lead young carers to feel tied	S29	Parents/carers maintain the main responsibility for the care of the family		
to the home and unable to join in outside leisure and social activities.	S30	Other		
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Issues affecting parents'/carers' capacities to respond appropriately to the young person's needs

	Parental issues	Yes	No	Professional/agency involved	Note identity of parent/carer for whom the issue is relevant. Record strengths and difficulties
C1	Illness:				
	Physical				
	Mental				
C2	Disability:				
	Physical				
	Learning				
	Sensory impairment				
C3	Period in care during childhood				
C4	Childhood abuse				
C5	Known history of child abuse				
C6	Known history of violence				
C7	Problem drinking/ drug use				
C8	Other				
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Family and environmental factors which may impact on the young person and parenting capacity

Additional details as appropriate Note identity of person for whom the issue is relevant

Family History No Yes Include all household FE1 Has a member of the household and relevant family experienced a stressful childhood? members, living in or Note childhood abuse; in care out of the home, when exploring family history FE2 Have the family suffered a and functioning. traumatic loss or crisis which is To gather further unresolved? (e.g. bereavement) information consider FE3 Other using: The Recent Life Events Questionnaire; A genogram; An ecomap. **Family Functioning** How parents bring up FE4 Does young person's impairment/ their children is rooted behaviour have a negative impact in their own childhood on siblings? experiences. FE5 Young person's impairment/ Consider whether a behaviour affects parent(s) capacity separate carers' to continue care assessment is required. FE6 Does a member of the household Both positive and experience: negative parenting styles can be passed poor mental health from one generation to another. poor physical health To gather further behaviour problem information consider physical disability using: The Adult Wellbeing Scale; The learning disability Alcohol Scale. sensory impairment problem alcohol/drug use FE7 Has an adult member of the household got a history of violence? FE8 Are there frequent family rows? FE9 Other Wider Family Wider family may extend beyond blood FE10 Do wider family provide: relatives to include people who feel like practical help family to parent or child. emotional support financial help information and advice FE11 Is there an adult in the home who helps the parent care for the young person? FE12 Other

Additional details as appropriate Note identity of person for whom the issue is relevant

	Housing	Yes	No
Basic amenities include	FE13 Is the family homeless?		
safe water, heating, cooking facilities, food storage, sleeping	FE14 Is the family vulnerable to eviction or in temporary accommodation?		
arrangements and cleanliness. The Home Conditions	FE15 Is the house and its immediate surroundings safe for the young person?		
Assessment may help gather this	FE16 Does home have basic amenities?		
information.	FE17 Does home require any adaptations to meet the young person's needs?		
	FE18 Is the home overcrowded?		
	FE19 Other		
•	Employment	Yes	No
Jobs may be lost because parents'	FE20 Is a parent in paid employment?		
circumstances result in them behaving in a	FE21 Does parent's pattern of work adversely impact on child care?		
bizarre or unpredictable way.	FE22 Is employment reasonably secure?		
Parents' circumstances may mean too much	FE23 Are family members who seek employment adequately supported?		
family income is used to satisfy parental needs.	FE24 Other		
Adult services may help a disabled parent respond to their child's	Income		
needs.	FE25 Are all entitled benefits claimed?		
The family may be	FE26 Are household bills paid regularly?		
vulnerable to future financial problems (i.e. extraordinary medical,	FE27 Is the family managing on the income they receive?		
funeral expenses, need to help out a relative).	FE28 Does the young person receive an appropriate allowance		
	FE29 If in debt, is this increasing?		
	FE30 Is the family worried about future financial commitments?		
	FE31 Other		
	Family's Social Integration		
Social isolation and rejection by the community may have	FE32 Does the family feel accepted within their community?		
affected the family for generations.	FE33 Do family members experience discrimination/harassment?		
	FE34 Does the family have local friends?		
	FE35 Is the family involved in local organisations/activities?		
	FE36 Other		

Additional details as appropriate

Community Resources Yes No Community resources FE37 Are there accessible include: shops, community resources? recreation areas, health FE38 Does the family take advantage clinics etc. of community resources? In assessing community FE39 Other resources note: availability, accessibility and standard, and if appropriate to child and family needs. Social worker's summary of how the family and environmental factors have an impact on the young person and parents/carers

Plan for the child in need

- Having completed the information gathering, the following pages should be used to analyse the strengths and needs of the child and family members and to identify goals and specific objectives. This information is then used to formulate a plan of action. The decision about which methods are used and services are provided to achieve specific objectives should be evidence based. The expectations of a plan for a child in need are outlined in paragraphs 4.32 to 4.37 of the Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and Their Families (2000).
- The plan for a child in need has been designed to enable it to be used for all children in need, including these about whom there are concerns they are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm.
- The plan should identify how the following will be addressed:
 - The identified developmental needs of the child;
 - Issues which impact negatively on parents/carers' capacity to respond to the child and needs of their child, drawing on their strengths;
 - Wider family and environmental factors which have a negative impact on the family, drawing on strengths in the wider family and community.
- The plan should be specific about the actions to be taken, identify who is responsible for each action, and any services or resources that will be required to ensure that the objectives set can be achieved within the agreed time scales. Statutory reviews should take place within statutory time limits and it is good practice for Child In Need plans to be reviewed at least every 6 months. Reviews should be formally recorded.
- The outcome section of the table should be completed following a review of the plan. When completing the outcome section record the outcome for each objective and whether the circumstances have; improved, remained the same, or deteriorated.
- The last page records which family members and agencies are party to the plan and the date when the plan will be reviewed. This should be signed by the child (where appropriate), family members/carers and the social worker.

Summary of young person's developmental needs and strengths

Information gathered in the core assessment

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Summary of parenting capacity: Needs and strengths

Information gathered in the core assessment

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Summary of wider family and environmental factors: Needs and strengths

Information gathered in the core assessment

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Analysis of the information gathered during the core assessment

The analysis should list the factors which have an impact on different aspects of the young person's development and parenting capacity, and explore the relationship between them. This process of analysing the information available about the young person's needs, parenting capacity and wider family and environmental factors should result in a clear understanding of the young person's needs, and what types of service provision would best address these needs to ensure the young person has the opportunity to achieve their potential					

The young person: Objectives and plans

The parents/carers: Objectives and plans

Outcome (to be completed at the review)						
Objective to be achieved by (date)						
Person/Agency responsible						
Objective and plan of action						
Parenting capacity	Basic care	Ensuring safety	Emotional warmth	Stimulation	Guidance and Boundaries	Stability

Wider Family and Environmental Factors: Objectives and plans

Outcome (to be completed at the review)						
Objective to be achieved by (date)						
Person/Agency responsible						
Objective and plan of action						
Family and environmental factors	Family history and functioning	Wider family	Housing	Employment and/or income	Family social integration	Community resources

Views of all parties

These objectives and plans should have been discussed with all interested parties/agencies Family members/agencies who are party to the plan

Name (please print)	Signature	Contact Number
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Lead professional/agency for t	he review·	
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ii the objectives and plans hav	e not been discussed w	vith any of the parties/agencies concerned, please give reasons
What steps will be taken and v	vho is responsible if an	y party/agency wants to alter these objectives and plans?
Date plan reviewed in supervis	sion	Signature of Line Manger/Supervisor

Parents'/carer's comments

I have seen the contents of this assessment form	
Parent/carer's signature	Date
Parent/carer signature	_ Date
Parents/carers comments on the assessment	
Have all relevant family members been given a copy of the assessment record? Yes If not, what arrangements have been made to ensure this happens	No □ ?
Social Worker's Signature	Date

Management information

Ethnicity of the y	/ouno	g person:										
Caribbean		Indian			White British			te and k Caribbea	an [Chinese	
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Education details	of the young	g person					
(E1) SATs results s	now young p	person at t	he end of Key	Stage 4 (cl	nild of 16) perform	s at level 6–7 for:
English Yes		No					
Maths Yes		No					
Science Yes		No					
(E2) At 16 years, r	number of H	igher grad	e GCSEs				
(E5) Number scho	ol days miss	ed within _l	past year throu	ugh unauth	norised at	sence	
(E4) Young persor	ı is excluded	l from scho	ool Yes	No			
Court Order(s)							
Is the young person	the subject of	f a court ord	der?	Yes		No	
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