

6.4 Referral criteria

Indicator table

6.4.4 The table below is an indicator guide of the difference within LA children's social care between a s47 core assessment and an initial assessment. This table is intended as a guide and is not exhaustive. Each local area will have their own arrangements for the Common Assessment Framework (see section [6.2. Common Assessment Framework](#)) and the wider children in need population. See [Section 5. Children in specific circumstances](#).

LA children's social care assessments	
Section 47 / core assessment	Initial assessment
Any allegation of abuse or neglect or any suspicious injury in a pre- or non mobile child.	Allegation of physical assault with no visible or only minor injury (other than to a pre-or non mobile child).
Allegations or suspicions about a serious injury / sexual abuse to a child. See also section 4.3 Recognition of abuse and neglect and section 5.23 ICT-based forms of abuse .	Any injury / incident triggering concern (e.g. a series of apparently accidental injuries or a minor non-accidental incident).
Two or more minor injuries in pre-mobile or non verbal babies or young children (including disabled children).	Any incident / injury triggering concern (e.g. a series of apparently accidental injuries or a minor non-accidental incident).
Inconsistent explanations or an admission about a clear non-accidental injury.	
Repeated allegations or reasonable suspicions of non-accidental injury.	Repeatedly expressed minor concerns from one or more sources.
A child being traumatised, injured or neglected as a result of domestic violence. See also section 5.11 Domestic violence .	Level 3 domestic violence. See Safeguarding Children Abused Through Domestic Violence (London Board, 2006) for the assessment of risk to a child.
Repeated allegations involving serious verbal threats and/or emotional abuse. See also section 5.6 Bullying .	Allegation concerning serious verbal threats to children. Allegations of emotional abuse including that caused by minor domestic violence.
Allegations / reasonable suspicions of serious neglect. See also section 4.3 Recognition of neglect .	Allegations of periodic neglect including insufficient supervision; poor hygiene, clothing or nutrition; failure to seek / attend treatment or appointments; age; young carers undertaking

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	intimate personal care.
<p>Medical referral of non-organic failure to thrive in under fives.</p> <p>See also section 4.3 Recognition of abuse and neglect.</p>	
<p>Direct allegation of sexual abuse made by child or abuser's confession to such abuse.</p> <p>See also section 4.3 Recognition of sexual abuse, section 5.39 Sexually active children and section 5.40 Sexually exploited children.</p>	<p>Suspicious of sexual abuse (e.g. sexualised behaviour, medical concerns or referral by concerned relative, neighbour, carer).</p>
<p>Any allegation suggesting connections between sexually abused children in different families or more than one abuser.</p> <p>See also section 5.23 ICT-based forms of abuse and section 14. organised and complex abuse.</p>	
<p>An individual (adult or child) posing a risk to children.</p> <p>See also section 5.18 harming others and section 13. Risk management of known offenders.</p>	
<p>Any suspicious injury or allegation involving a child subject of a current child protection plan or looked after by a local authority.</p> <p>See also sections 5.7 Custodial settings for children, 5.17 Foster care and 5.39 Residential care.</p>	
<p>No available parent and child vulnerable to significant harm (e.g. an abandoned baby).</p>	<p>No available parent, child in need of accommodation and no specific risk if this need is met.</p>
<p>Suspicion that child has suffered or is at risk of significant harm due to fabricated or induced illness.</p> <p>See also section 5.12 Fabricated and induced illness.</p>	
<p>Child/ren subject of parental delusions.</p> <p>See also section 5.29 Parental mental illness.</p>	
<p>A child at risk of sexual exploitation or</p>	

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<p>trafficking.</p> <p>See also sections 5.40 Sexually exploited children and 5.43 trafficked and exploited children.</p>	
<p>Registered sex offender or convicted violent offender subject to MAPPA moving into a household with under 18 year olds.</p> <p>See also section 13. Risk management of known offenders.</p>	
<p>Pregnancy in a child aged under 13.</p> <p>See also sections 5.39 Sexually active children and 5.40 Sexually exploited children</p>	
<p>A child at risk of FGM, honour based violence or forced marriage.</p> <p>See also sections 5.13 Female genital mutilation, 5.15 Forced marriage of a child and 5.20 Honour based violence.</p>	