



Children in Need Standards

The fourteen points below outline the minimum standards that the Trust has a responsibility to achieve in order to provide an appropriate level of care for Children in Need (CIN).

1. All Children in Need will have a named worker
2. All CIN open to the Trust will be visited and seen at a minimum of six-weekly
3. Each CIN should have an up to date CIN plan that sets out SMART targets
4. Children who are old enough (dependent on their age and understanding, but usually children aged over 10 years) and their parents/carers have the right to decide what is in the plan and whether they want to accept the targets and the services proposed
5. All open CIN cases should have a plan that is not more than three months old
6. All CIN plans must be reviewed and updated within one month of the initial plan and not less than three-monthly thereafter
7. CIN plans should be updated following each CIN planning meeting
8. CIN planning meetings to review progress of the CIN plan should be held at least three-monthly
9. All CIN plans must be based on an up to date assessment
10. The C+F/CIN assessment must be updated at a minimum of six-monthly
11. All assessments, CIN plans and notes of CIN planning meetings will be shared in writing with parents/carers and the child/young person (if they are old enough) within ten days of the plan/assessment being completed in ICS or the meeting happening
12. All adults in the family and all children of sufficient age and understanding will be given details of how to contact the compliments and complaints service and the allocated worker's line manager
13. The wishes and feelings of children should be considered in all CIN plans and it should be clear how these were ascertained – usually this should be through direct work with the child
14. Our work with CIN should evidence our commitment to treating all children and families fairly, and to working in an anti-oppressive way that values their strengths and uniqueness.