



CIN Standards

The standards are designed to sit alongside the Trust CIN Practice Guidance and provide a means for working in the Trust and with partners to understand the expected standards where a child is being supported under s17 of the Children Act 1989

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Core principles for working with children/young people and their families:

- Working with the consent and participation of the family.
- Making sure that the views, wishes and lived experience of the child/young person are central to the creation of CIN plans and ongoing work.
- Using best practice and evidence based approaches within our work: including systemic and strengths-based approach.

Child in Need Standards

1. All Children in Need (CIN) will have a named social worker.
2. A CIN meeting should take place within 10 working days of the completion and agreement of the Child and Family (C&F) Assessment, where the outcome of the assessment is CIN.
3. A CIN plan should be produced following the initial CIN meeting, and will be reviewed **every three months**. The plan should be clear, to ensure the child/ren and family have a clear understanding of the plan and what is required of them.
4. Where a CP Plan is ended with a recommendation to step down to CIN a draft CIN Plan should be formulated at the outcome of the conference and reviewed at the first CIN meeting within 10 working days.
5. The CIN plan must be updated at the end of each review.
6. A C&F assessment should be updated at least every six months in order to inform CIN reviews.
7. Updated C&F assessments are shared with the family as part of the CIN review process.
8. CIN visits will take place **every four weeks**; visits should be recorded and finalised on ICS within 48 hours of the visit taking place.
9. CIN plans and review minutes should be shared with the family and child/ren within 20 working days of the meeting taking place.
10. If a CIN case is open for nine months-plus, a reflective discussion should take place with relevant professions (CSW/SSW/HoS) to consider progress and actions in order to avoid drift and delay.