Support Star (Parents) Scales

The Outcomes Star for parents of children facing serious illness

For each of the six questions, choose the answer that best describes you most of the time.

1 Not able to respond 2 Taking it in 3 Trying to respond 4 Finding a way through 5 Managing well

1 Looking after your child

Practical care and emotional support, helping your child to cope with their illness

- 3
- 5 I'm confident I can look after my sick child and support them emotionally through this
 - 4) I'm managing to look after my child in most ways but am not there yet
 - I'm trying to care for my sick child and help them cope emotionally, but it's hard
 - 2) I'm finding out what I need to do to look after my child physically and/or emotionally
 - I'm not able to look after my sick child or help them through this

2 Managing practicalities

Appointments, travel, work, childcare, a suitable home, running your home



- We are managing well enough on a practical level as a family
- We are learning how to manage on a practical level but we have a way to go yet
- I'm trying to make changes so we can manage better, but it's hard
- I'm finding out what this means in practical terms but don't know how we will manage
- I don't know how we will manage the practicalities and am struggling from day to day

3 Monev

Money issues related to your child's condition, earnings, benefits, grants, debts



We are managing financially or things are no worse than before my child got ill



- I'm finding a way through the extra money worries but am not there yet
- 3 I'm trying to do something about the impact on our finances but it's difficult
- 2) I'm taking in what my child's condition might mean for our finances
 - I'm not able to think about money right now and/or don't know how we will cope financially