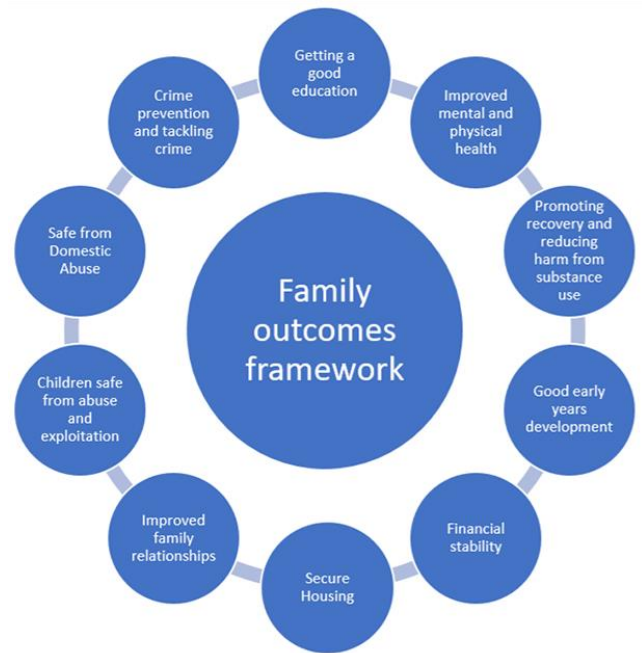


How to use the Family Star Plus within the Supporting Families Programme (2022-25)

All local authorities delivering Supporting Families must have an approved Outcome Plan setting out their indicators of eligibility and associated family level outcomes against the ten headline areas set out in the programme guidance the [‘Supporting Families Outcomes Framework 2022-25’](#).

Since the start of the Supporting Families Programme (formerly called the ‘Troubled families programme’), many local authorities have been using the Family Star Plus to evidence outcomes within their approved Outcome Plans. This version of the Star was developed specifically to be aligned with the programme’s objectives. When the Family Star Plus was reviewed recently, the 2022-25 framework was taken into account, and feedback has confirmed that Edition 2 is a good fit with it.



The Family Star Plus (Edition 2) is uniquely placed as an efficient way of evidencing many of the family needs within one tool. Not only that, but completing the Star is an integral part of service delivery rather than adding to the administrative burden upon practitioners and families.

We have put together this guidance to explain how the Family Star Plus can be used as part of the evidence of meeting outcomes set out in the most recent supporting Families Outcomes Framework.

Approved data sources

The new framework identifies a range of family needs within each headline outcome and sets out the data source/s that can be used to evidence progress with each of these family need. An example for one of the family needs within the ‘Good early years development’ headline outcomes is shown below:

Good Early Years Development			
Family Need	Data Source	Outcome	Evidence
Expectant or new parent/carers who require additional or specialist support (e.g., young parents, parents who have been in care, parents with learning needs)	GP, Dentist, Health Visitor, Midwife, Family Nurse Partnership, Health records Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral.	Families are engaged with appropriate support that can be seen to be making a difference; capacity for positive, effective parenting increased and they are accessing and engaging with services	Completed evidence-based parenting course with evidence of parents/carers implementing those strategies and improved outcomes Practitioner and/or self-assessment – improved outcomes

In the case of the family need shown above, both health records and information from practitioner assessments and contacts can be used to evidence the outcome. This combination of ‘hard outcomes’ and practitioner and/or self-assessment data sources is the case for the majority of family needs across all ten headline areas.

When practitioner and/or self-assessment data sources are specified, data from the Family Star Plus can be used as outlined in the table overleaf. It can also be used when the evidence includes unspecified ‘validated outcome measures’ - validation of the Family Star Plus is reported in a recent peer-reviewed journal article (Good & MacKeith, 2021). Some family needs require evidence not provided by the Family Star Plus and the needs that the Family Star Plus can and cannot be used for is also shown. There are some important things to consider when using this mapping, which are covered on the next page.

Important things to consider when using the Family Star Plus as a data source

The Family Star Plus is designed pragmatically to allow flexibility in the outcome areas to cover the specific aspects relevant to an individual family, and outcome areas often combine more than one issue. For example, 'Keeping my children safe' includes protecting children from domestic abuse but also other safety risks inside and outside of the home.

These features mean that care is needed in using it to show that specific changes set out in the framework have occurred. Important factors to consider are as follows:

- The presence of a family need should be recorded alongside Star readings. This is because it is only possible to be ascertain that progression to a certain threshold on the Journey of Change indicates an improvement in the family need for those families who had previously had a need in that specific area. For those without an initial family need in the specific area, they may progress to the threshold for reasons other than a change in the family need area.
- In addition, because outcome areas include more than one specific issue, parents who remain at 1-7 may not have progressed to 8+ for reasons other than an issue with the relevant family need.
- When more than one Star outcome area is listed as a possible evidence source within a family need, improved outcomes can be evidenced by:
 - a) progressing to the threshold reading in both areas (e.g., 1-7 to 8+ in both outcome areas), or
 - b) progressing to the threshold one outcome area (e.g., from 1-7 to 8+) if the other area had maintained a reading at the threshold or above.
- It is important to note that the table below often mentions reaching 7 or 8 on the Family Star Plus as a significant milestone, as this is the point at which there is a significant change in material circumstances. However, outcomes will be improved further for those progressing above the threshold (e.g., within 7-10) in terms of greater consistency and self-efficacy. At least some support is needed to maintain progress or stability until 10 is reached.

Mapping the Family Star Plus (2 nd Edition) onto the Supporting Families outcomes framework				
Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 1: Getting a good education				
1:1 Average of less than 90% attendance (including authorised absence is optional) for 2 consecutive terms	Sustained good attendance	Census, Live Data	Average attendance 90% or above for every child in the family over 2 consecutive terms	Hard outcomes required
1:2 Average of less than 50% attendance unauthorised and authorised for 2 consecutive terms	Sustained improvement from very poor attendance		At least a 30% improvement in attendance, with a minimum of 50% average attendance, over 2 consecutive terms	Hard outcomes required
1:3 Not able to participate and engage with education – motivation, emotional regulation and behaviour difficulties, risk of, or subject to, exclusions, concerns around Elective Home Education, child is off-roll and not receiving an education, risk of NEET	Improved engagement with education (e.g., pupils no longer on report, reduction/no detentions)	Census, Live Data. Strengths and Difficulties questionnaire. Practitioner assessments, contacts, and referrals.	Validated outcome measure: Improved SDQ scores Fewer days lost to suspension and exclusion over 2 two consecutive terms (immediately preceding the claim), reduction threshold can be locally defined. Professional judgement - No further concerns about suitability of Elective Home Education Child who was off roll receiving a suitable education Practitioner assessed outcomes	My children's learning: includes engagement with education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 7+ indicates children have improved engagement with school or have other opportunities to learn in ways that work for them. Children who have left education are being <i>encouraged</i> to engage with getting into or staying in training/education and develop aspirations. There is further improvement when progressing from 7 to 8+. My children's behaviour: includes challenging behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 7+ indicates parents have progressed to at least mostly managing any difficulties with their children's behaviour well enough. There is further improvement when progressing from 7 to 8+.
1:4 Child's special educational needs not being met	Family happy that special educational needs being met, and school/early years settings are providing adequate support.	SEND data, EHC plan. Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals.	Child's needs have been appropriately assessed and suitable package of support is in place as per the SEND Code of Practice. Family engaging with package of support and has a trusted relationship with the team around the family (Supplementary)	My children's learning: includes engagement with support around development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 3+ indicates that parents have begun consistently engaging with support. • Progression to 8+ indicates that children have opportunities to learn in ways that work for them, are mostly engaging well with learning and parents have been supported as needed.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 2: Good early years development				
2:1 Expectant or new parent/carers who require additional or specialist support (e.g., young parents, parents who have been in care, parents with learning needs)	Families are engaged with appropriate support that can be seen to be making a difference; capacity for positive, effective parenting increased and they are accessing and engaging with services	GP, Dentist, Health Visitor, Midwife, Family Nurse Partnership, Health records Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral.	Completed evidence-based parenting course with evidence of parents/carers implementing those strategies and improved outcomes Practitioner and/or self-assessment - improved outcomes	<p>My children’s learning: includes engagement with support around development in the early years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 7+ indicates effective parenting is increased through engagement with support – i.e. families provide younger children with opportunities to play, learn and develop. • Progression from 7 to 8+ indicates further improvement if this was a family need. <p>All other outcome areas (especially My children’s health, Keeping my children safe, My children’s behaviour, Our family routine & Home and money): include engagement with support that is likely to impact on health and educational outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 7+ indicates that engagement with support has led to more effective parenting. • Progression from 7 to 8+ indicates further improvement if this was a family need.
2:2 Child’s (0-5 yrs) physical health needs not met (e.g., immunisations not up to date, concerning accidental injuries, dental hygiene)	Child’s physical health needs met, better awareness of home safety and accident prevention	A&E records, GP, Dental, Midwife, Family Nurse Partnership, Health Visitor. Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	A&E records, GP, Dental, Midwife, Family Nurse Partnership, Health Visitor Practitioner and/or self-assessment – improved outcomes	<p>Keeping my children safe: includes not leaving children unsupervised or at risk of accidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 8+ indicates children are safe in their parents’ care (support is needed to maintain this until they reach 10). • Progressions within 1-8 indicate <i>improved</i> awareness of home safety and accident prevention if this was a need, but children are safe until they reach 8+ <p>My children’s health: includes meeting health needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 8+ indicates that children at least mostly have what they need to be healthy – e.g., they go the doctor and dentist as appropriate, and health conditions are managed well.

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 2 (continued): Good early years development				
<p>2:3 Child's (0-5 yrs) developmental needs not being met (e.g. communication skills/speech and language, problem-solving, school readiness, personal, social and emotional development)</p>	<p>Child's developmental needs are being met, allowing them to make progress at a pace that is suitable for them</p> <p>Child has the right support in place to make progress</p>	<p>Early Language Identification Measure, Ages and Stages Questionnaire, SDQ scores for 3+. Early Years Foundation Stage Profile: development goals</p> <p>Not taking up 2-year-old entitlement or 3-4-year-old universal early years entitlement. Not attending 2-year Universal Health Visitor Review</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral</p>	<p>Child's developmental needs are being met, allowing them to make progress at a pace that is suitable for them</p> <p>Child has the right support in place to make progress</p> <p>Children and young people with probable/confirmed prenatal alcohol exposure and significant physical, developmental or behavioural difficulties are referred for foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) assessment</p>	<p>My children's learning: includes meeting developmental needs in the early years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 8+ indicates families are meeting younger children's developmental needs. <p>My children's emotions: includes supporting children with their personal, social and emotional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progression to 8+ indicates that parents are at least mostly able to meet children's emotional needs, including providing attention, encouragement and support.

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 3: Improved mental and physical health				
3:1 Child needs support with their mental health	<p>The child's mental health and/or wellbeing has improved</p> <p>Family/parents/carers feel better equipped to manage the child's mental health and well-being</p>	<p>Mental health service provider records. GP/ other health data source</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral</p>	<p>Validated outcome measure Diagnosis received, if relevant, and appropriate support in place Child (and/or parent/carer) is engaging with, and benefitting from, appropriate support (e.g., from mental health teams) (Supplementary)</p> <p>Professional assessment or self-assessment - improved outcomes</p>	<p>My children's emotions: includes families supporting children with their emotional development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing within 1-8 on this scale indicates that families are better equipped to support the child's well-being. Progression to 8+ indicates that children at least mostly have what they need to grow up emotionally healthy and families can respond well to their child's emotional needs.
3:2 Adult needs support with their mental health	<p>The adult's mental health and/or wellbeing has improved</p> <p>Family/parents/carers feel better equipped to manage the adult's mental health and well-being</p>		<p>Validated outcome measure Diagnosis received, if relevant, and appropriate support in place Adult is engaging with, and benefitting from, appropriate support (e.g., from mental health teams) and adhering to medication regime (if relevant) (Supplementary)</p> <p>Professional assessment or self-assessment - improved outcomes</p>	<p>How I feel: includes improved mental health / well-being and having the resources and support needed to manage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progression to 7+ indicates the parent's mental health/well-being has improved and they have better strategies for managing this. Progression from 7 to 8+ indicates further improvement if this was a need.

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 3 (continued): Improved mental and physical health				
3:3 Child and/or parent/carer require support with physical health needs that affect the family (e.g., long-standing health conditions requiring management, physical disabilities requiring adaptations)	Physical health needs are being well-managed, and family have sufficient / the right support in place	Validated measure Diagnosis received, if relevant, and appropriate support in place. Adult is engaging with, and benefitting from, appropriate support and adhering to medication regime (if relevant) Supplementary Professional assessment or self-assessment - improved outcomes	Health vulnerabilities data. GP/ other health data source Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Your children’s health: includes families managing disabilities or health conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents at least mostly have their child’s physical health needs well-managed. How I feel: includes parents managing their physical health conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents are finding effective way to manage their own physical health needs.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 4: Promoting recovery and reducing harm from substance misuse				
4:1 An adult has a drug and/or alcohol problem	<p>Adult better equipped to manage the substance use.</p> <p>Adult understands the risk / impact of the substance use on the family and children and is able to promote safety and implement actions to reduce harm</p>	<p>Alcohol risk screening tools. Clinical diagnostic tool for alcohol dependence. Mental Health Data Set / Health provider records. Police report</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral</p>	<p>Treatment Outcomes Profile (TOP) Improved scores on AUDIT, AUDIT-C, Severity of Alcohol Dependence Questionnaire (SDAQ), ASSIST-Lite. Adult engaging with appropriate level of support and completing specialist treatment</p> <p>Practitioner or self-assessed improved outcomes Adult engaged in evidence-based whole-family interventions with evidence of adult implementing those strategies and improved outcomes for children and the family (Supplementary) Improved score on child's SDQ, if in receipt of specialist 'affected-by' support (Supplementary)</p>	<p>How I feel: includes support and skills for managing problematic substance use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates the adult is finding effective personal actions to reduce harm from their substance use, perhaps with support from an appropriate service. Progression from 7 to 8+ indicates further improvement if this was a family need. Progressing to 9+ indicates that the adult no longer uses drugs or alcohol to cope. <p>Keeping your children safe: includes acknowledgement of, and prevention of the parent's behaviour putting children at risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that safety measures are in place including to minimise harm from their substance use.
4:2 A child or young person has a drug and/or alcohol problem	<p>Child reducing / abstaining from substance use And Family / Child better equipped to manage the substance use and find alternative coping strategies, and understands risk / impact of substance use</p>	<p>ASSIST-lite (18+), AUDIT and DAST-A. CRAFFT, Mental Health Data Set / Health provider records</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral</p>	<p>CRAFFT, ASSIST-lite, AUDIT and DAST-A (Drug Abuse Screening Test for Adolescents)- improvements in scores</p> <p>Validated outcome measure e.g., SDQ scores</p> <p>Child engaging with, and benefitting from, appropriate level of support and completing specialist treatment, if necessary (Supplementary)</p> <p>Practitioner or self-assessed improved outcomes</p>	<p>Keeping your children safe: includes children getting into trouble with drugs or alcohol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates that the family is better equipped to keep children safe from getting in trouble due to drug or alcohol use. Progressing to 8+ indicates that children are safe in their parents' care and children are no longer getting in trouble due to drug or alcohol use. <p>My children's emotions: includes supporting children to deal with difficulties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates that the child are better equipped to cope with difficulties in healthy ways. Further progress is indicated by progressing from 7 to 8+.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 5: Improved family relationships				
5:1 Parent / carers require parenting support	Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referrals.	Parent / carer demonstrates improved, positive parenting (e.g., improved parent / child interactions; positive attachment etc)	Completed evidence-based parenting course with evidence of parents implementing those strategies and improved outcomes Practitioner / self - assessed improved outcomes	My children’s emotions: includes parent/child interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates improved relationships. Progression to 8+ indicates that children at least mostly have what they need to grow up emotionally healthy and families can respond well to their child’s emotional needs. All other outcomes also relate to positive parenting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicating improvement, and further improvement when progressing from 7 to 8+.
5:2 Harmful levels of parental conflict i.e., when it is frequent, intense or poorly resolved	No harmful parental conflict and improved family relationship Parents /carers understand the impact of the conflict on the children	Police report Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referrals	Validated outcome measure e.g., Family relationship quality tool Completed relationships support (evidence-based where possible), evidence of parents/carers implementing those strategies and improved outcomes. Practitioner / self-assessed improved outcomes	Keeping your children safe: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that any domestic abuse has stopped, and parents understand the physical and emotional impact of domestic abuse on children. NB. The Family Star (Relationships) may be more appropriate when the impact of parental conflict on children is the main issue.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 5 (continued): Improved family relationships				
5:3 Child / young person violent or abusive in the home (to parents/carers or siblings)	<p>No harmful child to adult or sibling abuse.</p> <p>Parent/carers better equipped to manage child's behaviour and relationship improved</p>	Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referrals.	<p>Child has received, and benefitted from, appropriate therapeutic support.</p> <p>Family successfully complete specialist child to parent abuse parenting course and / or received therapeutic support, evidence of improved outcomes.</p> <p>Practitioner / self-assessed improved outcomes, Improved self-assessment.</p>	<p>Keeping your children safe: includes children putting younger siblings at risk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that any harmful sibling abuse has stopped. <p>My children's behaviour: includes behaviour problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates that parents are better equipped to manage child's behaviour and have appropriate boundaries. Progressing to 8+ indicates that any problems with children's behaviour are being managed appropriately (though support may be needed).
5:4 Unsupported young carer or caring circumstances changed requiring additional support	<p>Unsupported young carer now supported, including with change in caring circumstances</p>	Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referrals.	<p>Young Carers Assessment and relevant support in place</p> <p>Accessing targeted young carers support / regular respite support provided</p> <p>Practitioner/self-assessed improved outcomes.</p>	The Young Carer's Star would be suitable in this context.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 6: Children safe from abuse and exploitation				
6:1 Emotional, physical, sexual abuse or neglect, historic or current, within the household	<p>No longer abuse or neglect in the household</p> <p>Child / family has been supported following abuse/neglect and has strategies to manage going forward</p> <p>Children are in an emotionally and physically safe environment</p>	<p>Open Early Help, CIN or CP plan</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals</p>	<p>Early help, CIN or CP plan closed and/or stepped down,</p> <p>Practitioner assessed - improved outcomes</p>	<p>My children’s emotions: includes emotional neglect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 7+ indicates that parents has been supported and have learnt at least some effective ways of responding to their child’s emotional needs. <p>Keeping your children safe: includes domestic abuse and risk of physical, sexual and emotional abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that any abuse has stopped, and children are in a safe environment (though support is still needed until 10). <p>My children’s health: includes neglecting children’s physical health (e.g. not taking children to the doctor or them being undernourished)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates parents have found ways to meet their child’s health needs. <p>Our family routine: includes regular bedtimes and meals, getting to places on time and having suitable clothes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that there is a positive routine at least most of the time, with a clean enough home and regular bedtimes and meals.
6:2 Child going missing from home	<p>Child no longer going missing</p> <p>Child/family has been supported following missing episodes</p>	<p>Police report</p> <p>Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals.</p>	<p>No missing reports in month prior to closure and no re-referral into services 6 months following closure</p> <p>Practitioner assessed - improved outcomes</p>	<p>Keeping your children safe: includes children putting themselves in risky situations and being unsupervised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents have learnt effective strategies for keeping children safe at home or outside the home, including making sure they aren’t left unsupervised in ways that make them unsafe.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 6 (continued): Children safe from abuse and exploitation				
6:3 Child identified as at risk of, or experiencing, sexual exploitation	Child not experiencing sexual exploitation AND Partners worked alongside child/family to manage risk of sexual exploitation	Practitioner and self-assessed – improved outcomes And police reports	Practitioner and self-assessed – improved outcomes And No more police reports	Keeping your children safe: includes sexual abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children who were at risk of sexual abuse are no longer at risk (by 10, outside support is not needed to maintain this).
6:4 Child identified as at risk of, or experiencing, criminal, or pre-criminal, exploitation (e.g., county lines)	Child not experiencing criminal or pre-criminal exploitation AND Child has been supported following criminal exploitation Partners worked alongside child/family to manage/reduce risk of criminal exploitation	Practitioner and self-assessed – improved outcomes And police reports	Practitioner and self-assessed - improved outcomes And No more police reports	Keeping your children safe: includes criminal exploitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children who were at risk of exploitation are no longer at risk (by 10, outside support is not needed to maintain this).

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 6 (continued): Children safe from abuse and exploitation				
6:5 Child identified as at risk of, or being affected by, radicalisation	Child not affected by radicalisation AND has engaged with, and benefitted from, relevant support. Partners worked alongside child/family to manage/ reduce risk	Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals	Practitioner and self-assessed - improved outcomes	Keeping your children safe: includes risky situations such as internet risks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children who were at risk of radicalisation have benefitted from support and are no longer at risk (by 10, no outside support is needed to maintain this).
6:6 Child experiencing harm outside of the family (e.g., peer to peer abuse, bullying, online harassment, sexual harassment/offences)	Child no longer experiencing harm & confident in reporting and being taken seriously. Partners worked alongside child/family to develop strategies and support them to cope with & respond to, abuse/harm outside the home and keep themselves safe.	Police report, School report Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals.	Practitioner or self-assessed improved outcomes, closure of plan, no police or school reports	Keeping your children safe: includes harm outside of the family (e.g. bullying, online, racial and harassment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children who were at risk of being unsafe outside the home are no longer experiencing harm (by 10, no outside support is needed to maintain this).

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 7: Crime prevention and tackling crime				
7:1 Adult (18+) involved in crime and/or ASB (at least one: offence/arrest/named as a suspect/ASB incident) in the last 12 months	(7 or fewer incidents in 12 months) Adult no longer involved in crime Or (8 or more incidents in 12 months) Adult demonstrates at least a 50% reduction in incidents of crime	Police report, Probation data, multi-agency safeguarding panels Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals	Where number of incidents* is 7 or fewer, the person must not have any offences, arrests, named suspect reports, or ASB for 6 months. Where number of incidents* is 8 or more, the person must demonstrate a reduction in the number of incidents (offence/arrest/named suspect report/ASB) of at least 50% which is sustained for a period of at least 6 months.	Hard outcomes required
7:2 Young person (u18) at risk of crime – including gangs, serious violence and weapons carrying, or involved in harmful risk-taking behaviour	Young person not involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. Young person supported to better manage risks of becoming involved with crime, through accessing relevant services and fully engaging	Multi-agency safeguarding panels, Asset Plus, Police data Self-report delinquency scale Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Young person must not have any offences, arrests, named suspect reports, or ASB for 6 months Engaging with, and benefitting from, relevant and appropriate services (e.g., VRUs, CAMHS, Education, AP, youth offending services) regularly and maintains positive behaviour (Supplementary)	Keeping your children safe: includes criminal behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children are safe at home, outside and online (including from involvement in crime or antisocial behaviour).

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 7 (continued): Crime prevention and tackling crime				
7:3 Young person (u18) involved in crime and/or ASB (at least one offence/arrest/ named as a suspect/ASB incident) in the last 12 months	(<=4 incidents in 12 months)- no longer involved in crime Or 5+ incidents at least- 50% reduction and no severe offences AND Young person supported to manage risks of crime, through fully engaging with relevant services.	Multi-agency safeguarding panels, Asset Plus, Police data, Probation data Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Young person must not have any offences, arrests, named suspect reports, or ASB for 6 months Engaging with, and benefitting from, relevant and appropriate services (e.g., VRUs, CAMHS, Education, AP, youth offending services) regularly and maintains positive behaviour (Supplementary)	Keeping your children safe: includes criminal behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that young people who were unsafe through crime/ASB are now safe and parents are able to maintain this - with support if needed (by 10, no outside support is needed).

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 8: Safe from domestic abuse				
8:1 Family affected by domestic abuse or inter-personal violence and abuse - historic, recent, current or at risk (victim)	Domestic abuse has stopped Victim has a clear safety plan in place and knows how to seek help, victim feels safe at home And Victim has received (or is receiving) appropriate support	Police data Notification via Operation Encompass (for affected children) Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	No incidents of domestic abuse in the month prior to closure, and no referral into services for 6 months following closure And (at least one of the below) Victim engaged with local multi-agency partnership arrangements Practitioner or self-assessment (e.g., DASH / reduction in risk tool)	Keeping your children safe: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children are now safe in their parents care, including from interpersonal violence - and any domestic abuse has stopped. How I feel: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that domestic abuse has stopped.
8:2 Adult in the family is a perpetrator of domestic abuse	Domestic abuse has stopped And Perpetrator understands crime, and impact on the victim(s) (including children), and is engaging with perpetrator support	Police data Notification via Operation Encompass (for affected children) Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	No incidents of domestic abuse in the month prior to closure, and no referral into services for 6 months following closure And (at least one of the below) Where available, perpetrator engaged with specialist programmes Perpetrator engaged with local multi-agency partnership arrangements Practitioner or self-assessment (e.g., DASH / reduction in risk tool)	Keeping your children safe: includes domestic abuse and risk of physical, sexual and emotional abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents who had been previously exposed to domestic violence are no longer at risk. How I feel: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates acknowledgement of the problem of domestic abuse and that domestic abuse has stopped.

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 8 (continued): Safe from domestic abuse				
8:3 Child currently or historically affected by domestic abuse	Domestic abuse has stopped Child feels safe at home And Child has received appropriate support	Police data Notification via Operation Encompass (for affected children) Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	No incidents of domestic abuse in the month prior to closure, and no referral into services for 6 months following closure And (at least one of the below) Child engaged with specialist/ therapeutic support Practitioner or self-assessment - (dash form, reduction of risk)	Keeping your children safe: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that children are safe in their parent’s care and any domestic abuse has stopped. How I feel: includes domestic abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that any previous exposure to domestic violence has stopped.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 9: Secure housing				
9:1 Families who are in local authority temporary accommodation and are at risk of losing this	Family no longer at risk of losing temporary accommodation and have sustained temporary accommodation for 6 months or have moved into settled housing.	Homelessness data Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Confirmation from Homelessness Services of the outcomes. Tenancy agreement for long term suitable temporary accommodation or settled accommodation Practitioner assessment - improved outcomes	Home and money: includes moving from temporary to secure accommodation and risk of eviction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that the family is in secure accommodation and is no longer doing anything that could lead to them losing their accommodation.
9:2 Families not in suitable, sustainable housing and/or threatened with eviction /at risk of homelessness	Family no longer at risk of eviction and/or in suitable and sustainable housing for 6 months	Homelessness data Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Confirmation from Homelessness Services that no homelessness duty is owed; or from landlord (PRS/RP/LA) that notice withdrawn. Evidence of suitable alternative accommodation sourced: confirmation from Landlord (PRS/RP/LA) Practitioner assessment - improved outcomes	Home and money: includes progressing to having suitable and sustainable housing and risk of eviction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that the family is in suitable accommodation and is no longer at risk of losing their accommodation.

<i>Family need</i>	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 9 (continued): Secure housing				
9:3 Young people aged 16/17 at risk of, or who have been, excluded from the family home	Young person no longer at risk of homelessness – remains with or is returned to family or wider family network with support available for 6 months	Homelessness data Identified via the CS front door e.g., MASH or Early Help Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Practitioner assessment - improved outcomes	Keeping my children safe: includes knowing enough of what older children are doing and that they are safe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that older children are safe at home and outside. My children’s behaviour: includes managing behaviour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents can manage older children’s behaviour well enough.

Family need	Supporting families outcome	Supporting families data sources	Supporting families evidence	Family Star Plus (2 nd Ed.) outcome areas and transitions indicative of progress
Headline area 10: Financial stability				
10:1 Adult in the family is workless	Adult is in work Or Adult has made progress to work (e.g., gained a qualification, completed training, volunteering, is attending job interviews)	Universal Credit or legacy benefit, ADMS Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Universal Credit or legacy benefit data, ADMS Practitioner or self-assessed - adult has gained employment / made progress to work measured by Employment Advisor or keyworker (including use of DWP milestone plan)	Work: includes adults being in work/ making progress towards work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that the parent is trying to find work and is at least mostly ready for work but are developing skills to make this more feasible. Progressing to 9+ means that at least one parent is in work (if this is appropriate- or if it is not appropriate, they are developing aspirations for the future).
10:2 Family require support with their finances and / or have unmanageable debt (e.g., rent arrears)	Family feels able to manage their finances Debt is being managed or has been resolved	Housing benefit, registered social landlord data Crisis payments, benefit caps Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Debt repayment plan in place Reduction in debt Practitioner or self-assessment - improved outcome	Home and money: includes managing finances and debts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that the family are making progress with how they manage financially. Progressing to 9+ indicates that the family are managing money well and making regular debt repayments, so debts are not increasing.
10:3 Young person is NEET	Young person is in education, employment or training	NEET data, CCIS statutory dataset Information from practitioner assessments, contacts and referrals, including self-referral	Census / NEET data, CCIS statutory dataset Secure progression pathway in place Practitioner or self-assessment - confirms young person is in education, employment or training	My children's learning: includes encouraging young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing to 8+ indicates that parents are encouraging any young people who have left school or college to get into or continue training or employment.