

Adult Social Care Threshold

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Universal	Vulnerable	Complex	Acute
All Adults within St	Involvement in	Several social	Adults at risk of
Helena and who	several aspects	support system,	significant
are routinely in	of work,	or relationships	harm/or has
receipt of	education, or	cannot or will not	suffered abuse
community	learning, cannot	be sustained.	and for whom
services.	be sustained.	Inability to carry	there is
	Social support	out several	continued risk.
	system and	personal care or	
	relationships,	domestic routines	
	cannot or will not		
	be sustained.		
	Domestic and		
	personal care		
	might be affected.		

- The Threshold is the framework setting out the eligibility for receiving social care support from adult social care.
- An individual is entitled to an assessment, if they *appear* to be in need of community care services.
- Determine eligibility by considering the risks to a person's independence in the absence of support being provided

Universal

Managed by the individual and/or family possibly with involvement of other agencies. Needs no or low-level support to access activities and opportunities to engage in the community.

Vulnerable

Some support may be needed to manage own health and medication. Assistance with appointments, daily treatments etc.

Support needed with preparation of meals. May need prompting to complete tasks such as washing, cleaning, preparing meals etc.

Maybe able to undertake daily tasks without assistance but takes significantly longer than would normally be expected.

Complex

Significant long-lasting physical health needs which have a significant impact of the individual. Support needed with medication and health management.

Lack of stimulation or opportunities to engage in social and leisure activities without significant support to do so.

May experience cognitive impairment and require support with money management such as Lasting Power of Attorney or Deputyship.

Acute

The way you live, your actions or how you look after yourself, is causing extreme concern about your immediate safety.

Individual may need immediate support, to avoid critical risk their safety, life of that of others.

Significant health problems have developed and you need help to avoid risk to your safety, or that of others or admission to hospital.

You need a short period of intensive support, to avoid admission to hospital or residential care.

You need help immediately because you have experienced or believe to have experience serious abuse or neglect or you are at immediate risk of physical or sexual abuse.

Level 4

When- life is or will be, threatened; and/or significant health problems have developed or will develop; and/or there is, or will be, little or no choice and control over vital aspects of the immediate environment; and/or serious abuse or neglect has occurred or will occur; and/or there is, or will be an inability to carry out vital personal care or domestic routines; and/or vital involvement in work, education, or learning cannot or will not be sustained; and or/vital social support system and relationships cannot or will not be sustained; and/or vital roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.

Level 3

When- there is or will be, only partial choice and control over the immediate environment; and/or Abuse or neglect has occurred or will occur; and /or

There is or will be, an inability to carry out the majority or personal care or domestic routines and/or Involvement in many aspects or work, education or learning or will not be sustained; and /or The majority of social support system and relationships cannot or will not be sustained; and/or The majority of family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.

Level 2

When- there is, or will be, an inability to carry out several personal care or domestic routines; And /or involvement in several aspects of work, education or learning, cannot or will not be sustained; And/or several family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.

Level 1

When-There is, or will be, an inability to carry out one or two personal care or domestic routines; and/or Involvement in one or two aspects of work, education or learning cannot or will not be sustained; and/or One or two social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be sustained; and/or One or two family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken