

Common Assessment framework



CAF– what is it?

With apologies to the experts in the room

The CAF is a key component in the Every Child Matters: Change for Children programme.

The CAF provides an assessment that is common across children's services. It helps to embed a shared language

The aim is to identify, at the earliest opportunity, children's additional needs that are *not being met* by the universal services they are receiving, and provide timely and co-ordinated support to meet those needs.

What is unmet need?

- How CAF can help to identify unmet needs.
 - eg SH, girl, aged 6, witnessed DV and has a need to share feelings / talk with a professional, to help reduce fears of sleeping alone and night terrors
- Where no current opportunity can be identified through a multi-agency group (MAG) to provide this support, this would be logged in review as an unmet need

Does the CAF information help?

- ❑ The information is updated quarterly
- ❑ The information gives an indication of needs
- ❑ It is based on what children and young people tell us, in their own language.
- ❑ It is only as good as the information recorded
 - ❑ Eg, what does 'Chris is a nightmare he drives mum mad' tell us? What is the unmet need?
- ❑ CAF data is part of a whole picture and should be used in conjunction with other data and local knowledge

Direction of travel.....

The tables on following slides show levels of unmet need identified through CAF

- The numbers are less important than the comparative figures eg sexual health and substance abuse needs are showing as being well met, the needs for primary children noted below seem not to be sufficiently met
- Behaviour home/ school
- Emotional/ Mental health
- Education/ training/ employment
- Housing/ financial support
- These represent both the needs of children and the needs for their parents

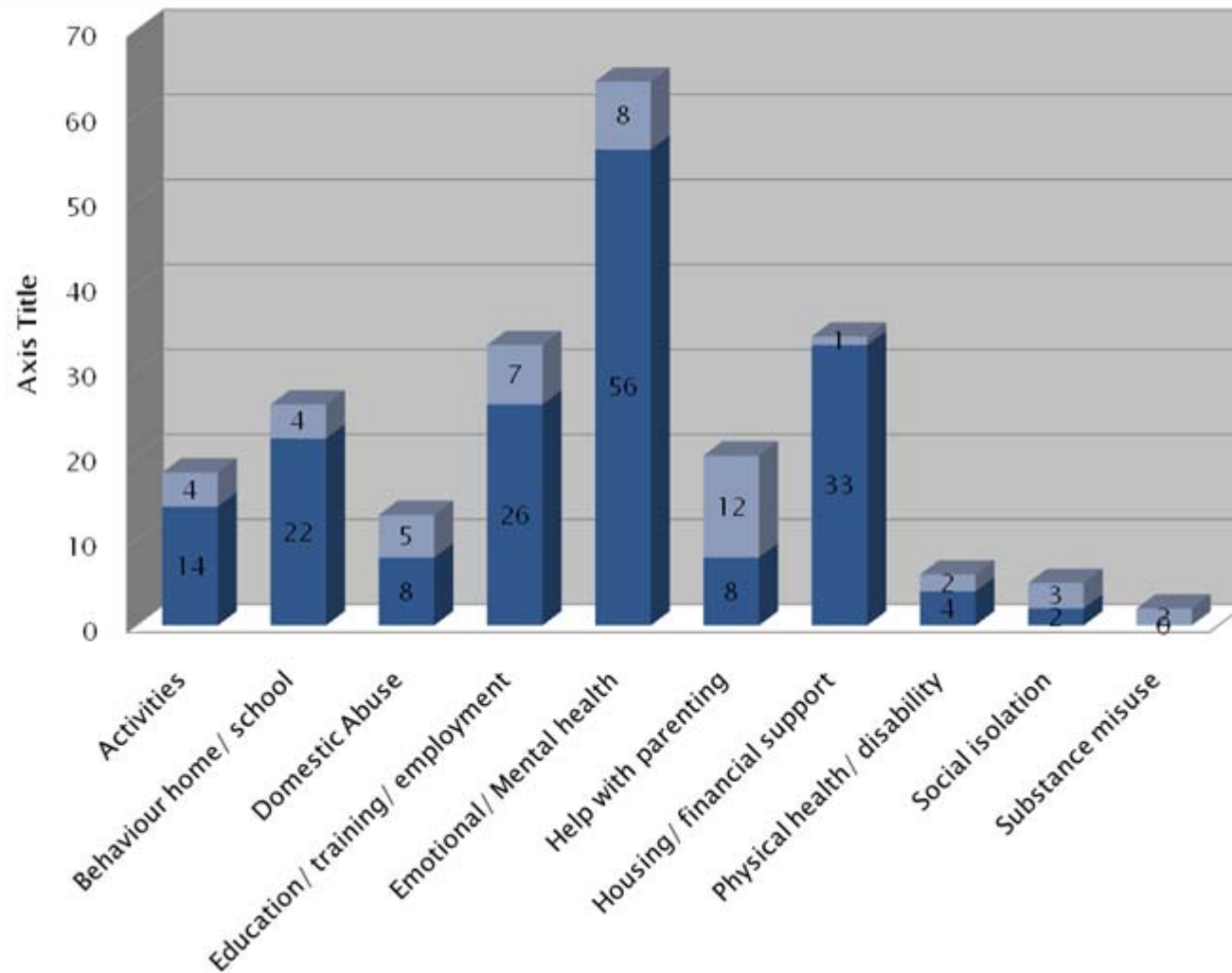
Unmet needs recorded for Stroud District

	Primary needs	Secondary needs	Total
Activities	14	4	18
Anti-Social Behaviour/ offending	8	0	8
Behaviour home/ school	22	4	26
Domestic Abuse	8	5	13
Education/ training/ employment	26	7	33
Emotional/ Mental health	56	8	64
Help with parenting	8	12	20
Housing/ financial support	33	1	34
Not clear	20	0	20
Physical health/ disability	4	2	6
Sexual Health	3	0	3
Social isolation	2	3	5
Substance misuse	0	2	2
Total recorded unmet needs	204	48	252

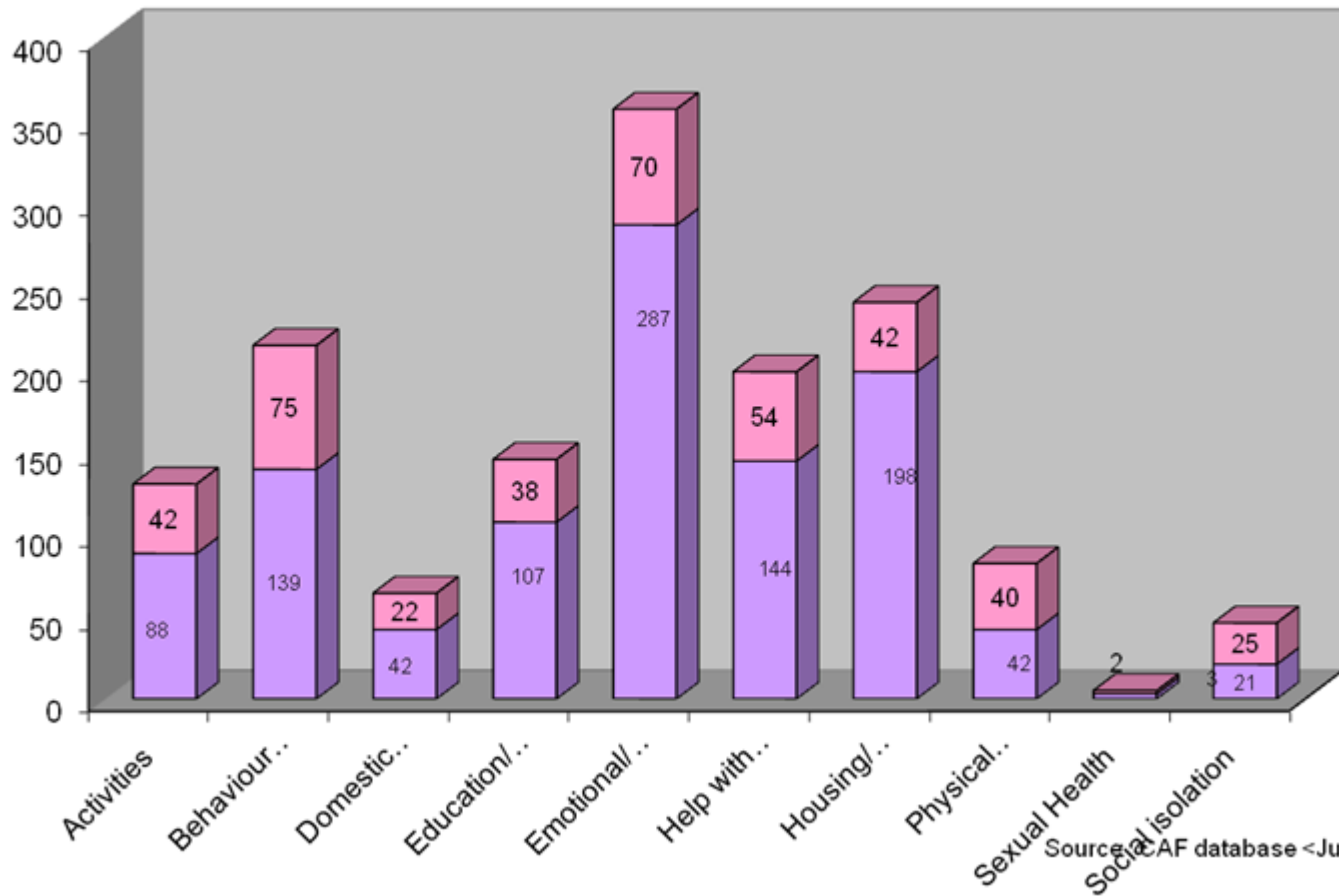
Unmet needs recorded at review for whole county

	Primary needs	Secondary needs	Total
Activities	88	42	130
Anti-Social Behaviour/ offending	31	2	33
Behaviour home/ school	139	75	214
Domestic Abuse	42	22	64
Education/ training/ employment	107	38	145
Emotional/ Mental health	287	70	357
Help with parenting	144	54	198
Housing/ financial support	198	42	240
Not clear	75	0	75
Physical health/ disability	42	40	82
Sexual Health	3	2	5
Social isolation	21	25	46
Substance misuse	7	12	19
Total recorded unmet needs	1184	424	1608

Key unmet needs – Stroud CAFs



Key unmet needs- All CAF's



Question.....

- Behaviour home/ school
 - Emotional/ Mental health
 - Education/ training/ employment
 - Housing/ financial support
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- If you agree that these are the unmet needs which are preventing Stroud CYP achieving the five ECM outcomes, how should the Stroud CYP workforce focus their combined resources to address them together

Thank you

