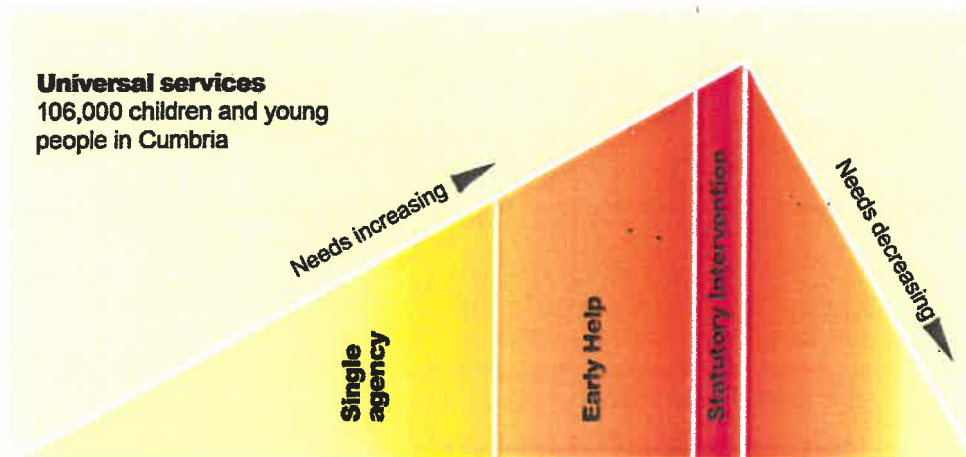


The Wedge



Level of need	Level of support to meet need
Universal services	Universal services are available to all children and young people. The most easily identifiable universal services that children and families will access are primary health and education.
Single agency	This is the first level of intervention after universal services. It is a single setting/single agency response based on a dialogue with the child/family. The needs of a child or young person can be met by additional support from one agency.
Early help	A professional seeking advice and input from other agencies in order to meet a child's unmet needs. Discussion would first take place with the child/family to identify needs and agree outcomes and actions. Early Help Assessment (EHA) and plan of work would be initiated at this stage. Intervention is aimed at preventing escalation to statutory intervention. Evidence of an Early Help Assessment and intervention will help support a referral for statutory intervention if required at a later date.
Statutory intervention	The highest level of multi-agency intervention. Statutory intervention takes place in response to complex needs, involving multi-agency specialists where the consequences of non-intervention could lead to serious harm. These children may be at risk of becoming looked after or subject to a Child Protection plan. This level also includes children with severe disabilities or complex learning difficulties. Contact with the County Safeguarding Hub is appropriate.