

Criteria for Kids Matter programme

Kids Matter has been designed to specifically support parents/carers who are struggling with economic disadvantage primarily. Any parent/carer that is referred to the Kids Matter Programme must meet/ have at least one of the essential criteria.

Essential Criteria (must have at least one)	Supporting Criteria
Social housing	Single parent
On benefits	Unemployed
FSM Free school meals	Isolation
Refugee	Mild mental health difficulties
Low educational attainment	
Concerns raised by social services or key worker	Bereaved
Court involvement	Functioning alcoholic/narcotics
Known to social services	ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
Referrals from 3rd bodies E.g. Food-bank, GP, School, Homestart, Debt advice (CAP) etc	Domestic violence
	Relative in prison
	Teenage mum

Please consider carefully before referring those with severe mental health difficulties or serious drug / alcohol dependency as signposting to other services may be more beneficial.