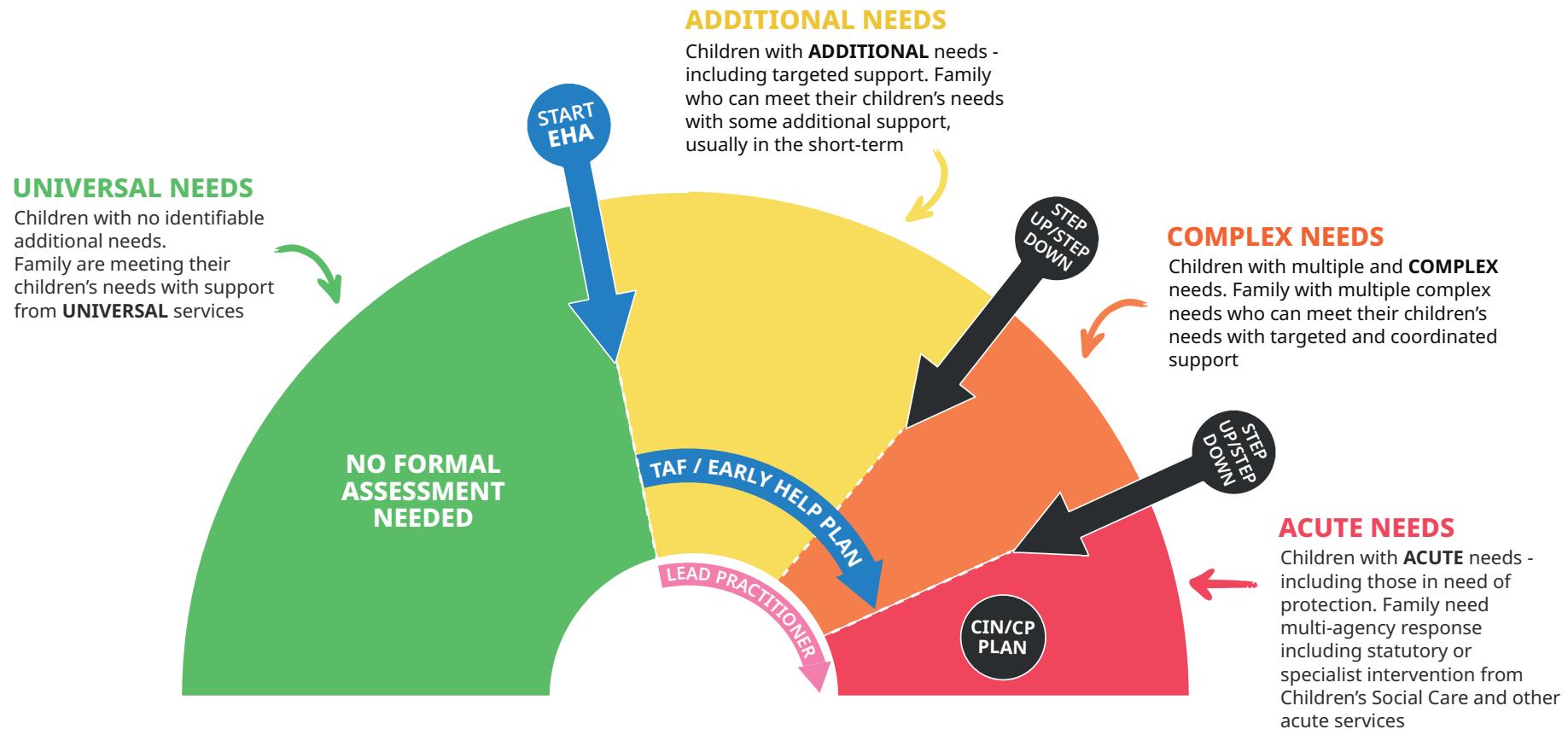




Continuum of Needs and Services

The Continuum of Need is intended to provide professionals with a shared understanding and common language around needs and risks.

Movement up and down the continuum of need will not be the same for each child or family; it is a means of providing needs-led appropriate access to services in compliance with statutory duties, when considering the type of support needed.



Remember that need is not static; the needs of a child and family will change over time. Where a plan has been agreed, this should be reviewed regularly to analyse whether sufficient progress has been made to meet the needs and to reassess the level of risk faced by the child.

This will be important in situations where small improvements are made, but analysis will need to be undertaken on whether this leads to significant and sustainable improvements for the child.