

- **Level descriptors**

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The level descriptor project commenced in November 2021 to provide a framework and evidence base to address the issues raised regarding the current system. The work forms part of an objective of the new strategy for ...

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- **Level A descriptor**

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Description of needs: Extremely complex and very challenging lifelong behavioural needs that significantly impact on all aspects of learning and living, severe learning difficulties (SLD) and likely to have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum...

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- **Level B descriptor**

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Description of needs: Very early developmental stage profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD) Cognition and learning Children and young people will have a combination of learning, communication, physical and sensory needs (including multi-...

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- **Level C descriptor**

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Description of needs: Very early developmental co-existing profound learning difficulties, and ASD / Social communication difficulties plus additional needs. Physical and sensory needs around coordination and sensory processing Cognition and...

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- **Level D descriptor**

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Description of needs: SLD with a diagnosis of ASD or similarly presenting needs without a diagnosis and associated additional needs, including behaviours that frequently challenge. Cognition and Learning Children and young people will present with...

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- **Level F descriptor**

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Level F descriptor Description of needs: Substantial and severe lifelong difficulties needing support into adult life – potential for supported living and work arrangements. Cognition and Learning Children and young people will have a life-long...

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- **Level G descriptor**

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Description of needs: Learning difficulties and additional and associated needs that impact significantly on learning and development – possible pathways to accreditation and work. Cognition and learning Children and young people will have a...

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- **Level H descriptor**

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Description of needs: Significant physical or medical / health needs and learning difficulties and additional and associated needs that impact significantly on learning and development (G plus significant physical needs) – possible pathways to...

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- **Level I descriptor**

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Description of needs: Physical and associated difficulties and Substantial and Severe Lifelong difficulties (F plus physical needs). Possible pathways to supported living and work arrangements. Cognition and learning Children and young people will...

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Level J descriptor

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Description of needs: Likely to have a diagnosis of ASD or needs that present very similarly, and moderate to severe learning difficulties and associated needs. Cognition and Learning Children and young people should / are likely to have a diagnosis...

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