Assessment of Priority for Assessment in Adult Social Care

Team Managers/Leaders review the lists of unallocated cases as they are received into the team trays. Cases are given a priority status – High, Medium, Low - based on the adult social care system definitions. The tables below set out the breadth of activity in terms of high, medium and low priority.

High priority	 New cases requiring care and support assessment Environmental concerns Safeguarding concerns Care placements at risk Significant carer strain Hospital discharge to assess reviews Mental Capacity Assessments Deputyship concerns Re-assessment due to change in needs Hospital discharge with no assessment Court of Protection Legal involvement cases Significant self-neglect concerns Complex family issues impacting on care and support needs Urgent nome closures and reprovision Urgent respite or carer unavailability
Medium priority	 Planned respite Fund droppers Social inclusion Change in direct payments rates Direct payment queries Assessment for supported living/family relinquishing care Request for reablement Sourcing new provider Court of Protection for deputyship Review non-urgent Reablement (existing service provision) Carers assessment Section 117 aftercare Mental Health reablement assessments Change in need – requires review Review for potential for supported living Carers - personal budget/one off grants Prison discharge and Continuing Healthcare reviews Direct payments balance clawback review
Low priority	 Fund droppers Await package of care Request for increase in care home/residential charges (no change in needs)

•	Change of service provider requests
•	Mental Capacity Act finances
•	Request to find new Personal Assistant
•	Housing issues
•	Consideration of Community Life Choices
•	Debt resolution from finance – not paying contribution
•	Community DOLS referral
•	Ordinary Residence dispute
•	Debt cases