**Action for Children Pan-Dorset Parenting Service**

**Guidelines for Referrers**

**Children at Risk of Developing Conduct Disorder**

Questions to ask yourself when considering referral:

* Families with a child aged 2 – 12 years old (developmental age) with developmentally significant symptoms.
* Does the family want a referral?
* What are the risk factors present?

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| **Symptoms** **Aged 2-4**Tantrums are significant if (*the more of these are true the higher the risk*):- they happen daily * + regularly last more than 5 minutes
	+ include being aggressive and breaking things during tantrum
	+ happen out of the blue
	+ happen with non parental adult
	+ tend not to resolve unless an adult intervenes

Aggression to people and animalsDevelopmental delay especially with speech and language**Aged 5-6**Tantrums as aboveAggression to people and animalsLack of remorse in childDelay in Speech developmentPeer rejection **Aged 7-12 years**Tantrums as above Aggression to people and animalsLack of remorse in childLittle reaction to punishmentRefusal to accept blame Poor educational performance – particular link with specific reading difficultiesPeer rejection | **Risks** **Not a single risk factor involved or indicated with CD development, but rather the more risk factors the child is exposed to the greater the odds of poor outcomes.**Family/ school factors:-- Parental mental ill health - parent drug or substance misuse- Generational unemployment- Family history of trouble with the police- Low income- Rigid punitive parenting/teaching style- Inconsistent parenting/teaching style **Aged 5-12 years**- Poor home school connections- Peer relations not monitored |