Appendix A – CLIF minimal descriptors

Funding band	Threshold criteria
A	A child with emerging needs
	Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS small group work and/or occasional additional adult support is required no more than 25% of the child's nursery hours
	The child requires some adult intervention to meet their needs and access the EYFS curriculum.
	Individualised targets that require some adult support
В	A child with developing needs
	Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS small group work and/or additional adult support is required for 50% of the child's nursery hours
	Involvement from external agencies
	Individualised targets that require additional adult support
	Child presents with delay in two or three of the prime areas of learning that requires a balance of small group and additional adult support
C	A child with significant and complex needs
	Standard Inclusive Practice PLUS additional intensive support or vigilance is required for 75% of the child's nursery hours
	Individualised targets that require intensive additional adult support
	Involvement from external agencies – child likely to have a diagnosis
	Child presents with delay in all of the prime areas of learning and requires intensive support