



Welcome to the second Neglect update - **please share widely** so we can all help Children and Young people who may be suffering from Neglect to be quickly identifies and receive the support early

Have you used the Neglect Toolkit yet?



Developing an effective response to Neglect The Child/Young Person's Neglect Toolkit is designed to assist you in identifying and assessing children and young people who are at risk of and experiencing neglect. It is to be used when you are concerned that the quality of care of a child/young person you are working with suggests that their needs are being neglected

The child neglect toolkit has been developed to assist all practitioners to analyse and assess situations of possible neglect. The In-Depth Toolkit can be accessed [here](#).

A Compressed Version of the Toolkit can be accessed [here](#)

Click [here](#) for the toolkit Overview Summary which can be used with the in-depth and compressed versions of the toolkit

<http://kingstonandrichmondscb.org.uk/news-resources/policies-and-procedures-87/child-neglect-toolkit-181.php>

The Neglect Toolkit is a tool to aid discussion in supervision and for the clarification of the issues, designed to support not replace professional judgement.

Vulnerable babies Report



The Office of the Children's Commissioner has published a report, "A Crying Shame" into vulnerable babies. The report uses local authority data from March 2017 to estimate how many children under the age of five are at risk of severe harm, with a particular focus on infants under the age of one.

We know that babies are disproportionately represented in Serious Case Reviews, and instances of death and serious injuries to babies and young children rightly shock the country. This report looks at how many babies might be vulnerable in this way and presents the facts about the sort of risks even very young children are being exposed to.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/A-Crying-Shame.pdf>



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About Neglectful parents from Affluent backgrounds in the child protection system.

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/media/documents-by-section/departments/social-therapeutic-and-comms-studies/Report---Neglect-in-Affluent-Families-1-December-2017.pdf>

<https://www.gold.ac.uk/media/documents-by-section/departments/social-therapeutic-and-comms-studies/Slides---Neglect-in-Affluent-Families-KTP-Seminar-31st-January-2018.pdf>

Safeguarding children is **everyone's responsibility**.

Children should have the support to develop and flourish physically, socially, and emotionally.



Nationally, neglect is a factor in 60% of all SCRs. **The NSPCC briefing Neglect: learning from case reviews** (updated September 2018) examines SCRs published since 2014, where neglect was a key factor

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/learning-from-case-reviews/neglect/>

7 children, single parent, frail and elderly grandmother living in a small caravan.

Concerns re: home conditions and safety, basic care/oral health/hygiene/bed-wetting/behaviour [attention-seeking and aggression]/poor school attendance/lack of supervision.

Mother: history of domestic violence/depression/sub-literate/overwhelmed because of her caring commitments.

Issues: a difference of opinion amongst professionals regarding threshold and whether there had been any sustainable changes with the initial intervention. **Health visitor encouraged to use the Neglect toolkit,**

"The tool was great, I felt really comfortable using it-really focused on gaps and justified my concerns rather than just writing a letter highlighting we are worried due to lack of engagement etc."

"I think mum accepted more the concerns I had and I was able to explain them much better."

"I was able to acknowledge what mother was doing well and that she loved her children"

Following use of the neglect tool a professionals meeting was arranged.

Outcome:

- The family would be offered family systemic therapy
- Older children would attend after school club
- Mother to be supported with managing depression via GP
- Health visitor to arrange dental appointments and advise re nutrition etc.
- Health visitor to support re outstanding immunisations
- Enuresis assessment for older child
- Charity application for bunk beds to free some space in the caravan
- Adult social care assessment of grandmother's needs.

If you are worried about a child or young person:

Call -Single Point of Access (SPA) 020 8547 5008 for advice or to make a referral.

or for Out of hours number 020 8770 5000

Police 999

NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) 24

hour helpline, Call 0808 800 5000

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