

# Children's Social Care

## Single Agency Plan to achieve our priorities around Neglect



**Our Priorities**

**PRIORITY 1** Children and their families are at the centre of our work, we ask questions to understand their lived experience and how the parents/carers are ensuring that the children's needs are being met.

**PRIORITY 2** Increase awareness, knowledge, understanding and recognition of all forms of neglect.

**PRIORITY 3** Deliver effective response and support to all forms of neglect in partnership with all agencies across Surrey.

**PRIORITY 4** Ensuring that the partnership provide the right support at the earliest opportunity and put families first.

**PRIORITY 5** Improve how we evidence the impact of support and monitor long-term outcomes for children and young people.

### Children's Social Care:

These actions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure we achieve our priorities. A data report will be used to track quantitative progress.

A REDUCTION IN:	KEY ACTIONS
number of children who are subject to Child Protection Plans for neglect.	<p>Ensure we are identifying neglect at the earliest stage and supporting families via EH or CIN plans</p> <p>Develop training for staff regarding effective interventions when neglect is identified.</p>
percentage of children who have a Child in Need Plan for neglect for more than six months.	<p>Need to ensure that where children are on a CiN plan for neglect that we are using the screening tool (GCP2) and interventions and we are making timely decisions when we can't affect changes – TMs/SMs to monitor.</p> <p>Bring information to practice challenge to reflect on.</p> <p>Audit/ dip sample activity for children who have been on CiN plan due to neglect for more than 6 months – focusing on interventions and the difference they are making</p>

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number of children coming back into the service as a result of neglect.	Data to be monitored a part of neglect sub group and any trends to be identified and addressed by services and teams.  Dip sample of re-referrals to consider previous concerns, safety plan at point of closure and re-referral reason
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AN INCREASE IN:	KEY ACTIONS
number of early help, single agency assessments for children where there is a concern for neglect and a corresponding reduction in the number of referrals to children's social care for neglect.	Data to be monitored on a quarterly basis Data provided to the sub group can identify if there are areas where referrals for neglect are higher and targeted interventions can be considered.
children having positive long-term outcomes following Early Help intervention, intervention under Child in Need or Child Protection Plan.	Re-referral rate to be monitored where neglect concerns are identified.
number of children remaining within their family where it is safe to do so.	We will see a reduction in the number of children that we accommodate – data to be split under 11 and over 11. Increase in the use of FGC and to be used prior to any child being looked after outside of their family home. GCP2 is to used to assess and review.

## IMPACT

*Agencies to provide details of the impact and evidence on a quarterly basis.*

Supporting measures for our partners:

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## Education services:

<b>A REDUCTION IN:</b>	<b>KEY ACTIONS</b>
number of 16-18-year olds who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training), where support was / is being provided.	For children's services to ensure that they are promoting Education, Employment and training opportunities with 16-18 year olds and for this to form part of our plans.
number of school absence, particularly for those children who are either severely or persistently absent.	For Children's services to ensure that school absence is considered as part of EH, CIN and CP plans
number of exclusions.	For Children's Services to work closely with education colleagues when a child is at risk of exclusion and to jointly explore the support for the family.

<b>AN INCREASE IN:</b>	<b>KEY ACTIONS</b>
the number of under 5s attending early education and childcare settings, especially for those with an open social care plan for neglect.	For Children's services to ensure that exploration of under 5's attending early education and childcare settings is considered as part of our intervention with a family.  This can be monitored through dip sample activity.
improvement in school attainment for children, especially for those with an open social care plan for neglect.	For Children's services to ensure that school attainment is considered and recorded as part of CiN and CP Plan.
improvement in engagement and participation in personal development opportunities, especially for those with an open social care plan for neglect.	

## Health services:

<b>A REDUCTION IN:</b>	<b>KEY ACTIONS</b>
number of children not being brought to health appointments.	
number of 0-5 years not meeting their developmental milestones.	For children's services to ensure that they liaise with health colleagues when considering if a child is not meeting their developmental milestones and agree a shared plan for support children and families
number of accidents requiring medical attention.	

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number of families who are engaged in targeted support.	
number of pre-birth assessments completed before 34 weeks' gestation.	Children's services to ensure that pre-birth assessments are processed and completed in a timely way on receipt of referral – this is dependent on referrals being submitted in a timely way.
number of GCP2 contributed to and/or completed.	GCP2 Co-ordinator can analyse the data and we can then undertake targeted training and support where we identify low take up

## Police

These actions will be reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure we achieve our priorities. A data report will be used to track quantitative progress.

A REDUCTION IN:	KEY ACTIONS
number of children being taken into police protection due to neglect.	Children's services to work closely with the police when there are concerns about children in a neglectful environment to explore what can be made different immediately to enable the children to remain in the family.  New protocol regarding application of police protection being developed between police and children's services
number of children experiencing neglect who require help and support from police.	
number of children who are repeatedly going missing and/or those at risk of being exploited.	Joint work with children's services and the police to identify this cohort of children and to work together to either disrupt networks around them or work collaboratively to increase children's safety

AN INCREASE IN:	KEY ACTIONS
good quality, child centred thorough investigations.	
successful prosecutions when the criminal threshold has been met.	
early identification of neglect and referral into Police Single Point of Access.	

## IMPACT

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