

Police

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.

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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.	Educate front line officers – Carla Thomas an expert external speaker in Neglect, has delivered training to our child abuse teams and all front line officers on understanding and recognising the early signs of neglect, to help officers identify warning signs that families may be struggling and children may be subject to neglect, in order that relevant referrals can be made. This will ensure that there is support at the earliest opportunity thus preventing any escalation of harm and the need to invoke police protection.
number of children experiencing neglect who require help and support from police.	Educating front line officers in the different types of neglect so as to spot potential signs and highlight to the relevant agencies. Educate the public around neglect and the action that Police can take if offences are identified that meet the relevant enough threshold.

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	Briefings on Neglect delivered to operational teams to increase their knowledge and understanding.
number of children who are repeatedly going missing and/or those at risk of being exploited.	Roll out of our Children's MOU Embedding the Philomena Protocol. Ensure an uplift in Detectives within CEMU so as to provide an investigation capacity.

AN INCREASE IN:	KEY ACTIONS
good quality, child centred thorough investigations.	Daily reviews of child abuse flagged crimes, ensuring appropriate safeguarding measures have taken place and a thorough high quality investigation as per Op Falcon, whilst also ensuring that the voice and lived experience of the child is centre and forefront in all decisions made. Any outstanding enquiries/actions will be noted and escalated if required. The 6 key principles of our Child Centred Policing Strategy are being rolled out in briefings and with Comms/Posters.
successful prosecutions when the criminal threshold has been met.	Embedding the investigation principles of Op Falcon to achieving outstanding investigations and thus ensuring more successful prosecutions for the more serious neglect cases.
early identification of neglect and referral into Police Single Point of Access.	Ongoing Comms re Child Abuse guide on MDT with signs of Neglect and actions to take. Staff in PSPA trained on identifying and understanding Child Neglect to enable early identification of Neglect from referrals. New referral form being established which will help with identification of Neglect and extracting data.

IMPACT

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