



SSP Strategic Plan 2021-2024

Information from strategic plan specifically relating to Neglect

<p>Neglect</p> <p>SSP Strategic Plan 2021-24 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionals across the partnership understand the legal framework and are clear about their roles and responsibilities in relation to neglect • The Partnership supports local understanding of the prevalence of neglect and the links between domestic abuse, substance misuse and poverty across the multi-agency network enabling practitioners to identify and support families with an increased risk of neglect • Consistent approach for assessments take into account the lived experience of the child/adolescent and clearly evidence how domestic abuse, substance misuse and poverty are impacting on the capacity to parent • Consistent approach across the Partnership of the understanding and use of the Graded Care Profile tool for assessing and protecting children at risk or experiencing neglect
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All of the documents referred to below have been through the SSP consultation process and signed off by the Swindon Safeguarding Partnership Executive.

There is an expectation that professionals will have been briefed regarding this information.

Useful information/links regarding Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance and GCP2

Below are the links to some information/briefing resources for staff available on the SSP website.

- Information about Neglect and GCP2 [Neglect and GCP2 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- SSP Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance [SSP neglect framework and practice guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) Pages 2-10 of SSP Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance outlines requirements for agencies.
- Neglect screening tool [Neglect screening tool - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- Principles of GCP2 /FAQ's [SSP graded care profile FAQs - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#) Pages 1- 3 of the attached set when GCP2 should be used/considered.
- 7 minute brief GCP2 [Graded care profile 2 \(GCP\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- 7 Minute brief SSP neglect framework and practice guidance [Neglect framework and practice guidance - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- There have also been some entries on the SSP newsletter. Most recent addition - Page 2 [Swindon Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter - 6 May 2021 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

SSP Conference

A presentation focusing on child neglect was one of the topics covered during the SSP virtual conference in November 2021. If you were unable to attend you can access the recording of this session and the supporting presentation and resources by clicking here.

[Video archive - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Below is an infographic which provides an overview of GCP2.

Graded Care Profile 2

The Graded Care Profile 2 is the only authorised update of the original GCP – It is a practical tool designed to provide an objective measure of the care of children. The GCP2 model is primarily based on the qualitative measure of the commitment shown by parents or carers in meeting their children’s developmental needs.

Background

It is estimated that 10% of all children in the UK are currently experiencing neglect. It is the single most frequent reason for children to be subject to a child protection plan or registration.

There is strong evidence that the identification and assessment of neglect presents particular difficulties for practitioners.

What is GCP2

GCP2 is an evidence based tool to help practitioners assess when poor parenting becomes neglectful.

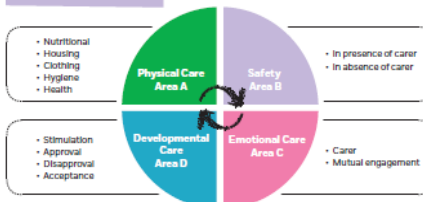


Who can use the tool

The tool can be used by a variety of professionals who wish to evaluate the care of a child where concerns about neglect exist.



GCP2 Areas



GCP2 Grades

The GCP2 looks at what life is like for the child. This ensures the child is kept central to the assessment.

The grades are descriptive, and measures the quality of care from 1, where the child is always first to 5, where the child is not considered.



Effectiveness

What the research said

STRENGTHS OF THE GCP

- Improved Assessment Process
- More objective, evidence-based assessment
- Identifies parental strengths as well as areas of concern
- Unpacks parenting – Improved breadth and depth of assessment
- Promotes child centered approach
- Participative process that promotes parental engagement

On a 5 point scale, the usefulness of GCP2 was rated as 4 or 5 in two thirds of cases (N=114)

Conclusion

GCP2 has been found to be reliable and valid. It can be used in the knowledge that it has sound psychometric properties, and is a reliable and valid assessment tool in aiding practitioners in the assessment of child neglect. – Ref Johnson R, GCP2 Reliability and Validity NSPCC 2015

GCP2 has enabled practitioners and parents to respond effectively by identifying what intervention or support is required in order to address areas of concern. As a consequence the plans are smart and robust and the families are engaging with the multi – agency support offered; there is evidence improvements are being made. – c Fletcher Seton

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NSPCC 2011 prevalence report,
Ratford et al 2011
Ref Johnson R, GCP2 Reliability
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