





Spotlight on Neglect

Updated SSP Child Neglect Webpage

Lots of information and resources to assist you to identify, assess and respond to neglect.

Visit the webpage by clicking on this link <u>Neglect - Swindon Safeguarding</u> <u>Partnership</u> or scanning the QR code

below.





Neglect

The experience of neglect during childhood can have significant, long lasting and pervasive consequences, affecting all aspects of a child's development. These effects include cognitive and other physical development, educational achievement, children and young people's emotional wellbeing, and behavioural difficulties.

It can also result in children and young people having difficulties making and keeping relationships, which can affect how they parent their own children and can perpetuate inter-generational cycles of neglect. Consideration needs to be taken into individual development and context, including social and economic factors such as poverty and deprivation, family, environment and community resources. In addition, practitioners should be aware that neglect is an area which can be open to personal and moral judgements.

Neglect is the most common type of abuse experienced by children and young people in England

Neglect is a serious form of harm. Both families and professionals can become overwhelmed and demoralised by issues of neglect. Children may experience repeated attempts by professionals to try and improve the situation.

Published case reviews highlight that professionals face a big challenge in identifying and taking timely action on neglect.

Source: Neglect: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning (December 2022

Please view this short recording from Andrew Freeman, Assistant Director, NSPCC South West and Channel Islands and Chair of the SSP Neglect Sub Group, which outlines what we are doing in Swindon to help reduce the impact of neglect on children.



The <u>swindon Neglect Strategy 2024-2027</u> sets out the strategic aims and objectives of Swindon's approach to reducing the number of children who are experiencing neglect.

The information and resources included below will assist you in identifying, assessing and responding to neglect.

What is neglect?	~
What to look for?	~
Why is this important?	~
What to do?	~
Responding to Neglect	~
The cycle of change	~
Courageous conversations with parents/carers	~
Adolescent neglect	~
Disabled children and neglect	~
A day in the life of the child	~

SSP Resources

Some resources are included below but you can access the full list on the <u>7 minute briefs and</u> <u>practice briefs</u> webpage or use the QR code below.

- <u>Capturing the voice of the child in records</u> May 2021
- <u>CSPR Annual Report Headlines 2020</u> September 2021
- Domestic abuse within families: learning from reviews - July 2023
- Mental capacity act 16 to 17 year olds: learning from reviews - July 2023
- Mental capacity Guidance for clinicians and social care professionals on the assessment of capacity
- Mental capacity toolkit
- <u>Online child exploitation parents guide</u> November 2021

- Parent carer resource child exploitation October 2022
- Perinatal mental health July 2022
- <u>Practitioners guide to strategy discussions</u> October 2021
- <u>Rapid reviews</u> May 2020
- <u>Resource pack Professional Curiosity</u> January 2021
- <u>ROTH Toolkit of resources for professionals</u> March 2022
- <u>Safeguarding adolescents resource pack</u> March 2021
- <u>Safeguarding children oral health</u> October 2021
- <u>Trauma-informed practice</u> August 2023
- Working with fathers October 2021
- Working with resistance October 2023





SSP Children and Young People Policies and Guidance

Some are included below but you can access the full list on the <u>Children and young people policies and guidance -</u> <u>Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</u> webpage or use the QR code below.

- Welcome to the South West Child Protection
 Procedures (trixonline.co.uk)
- Working together to safeguard children 2023
- Swindon and Wiltshire Children Missing From Home and Care - March 2022
- <u>SSP chronology guidance and template documents -</u> <u>Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</u> - October 2023
- <u>Cross border protocol</u> August 2023
- <u>DASH risk checklist</u> (used to inform <u>MARAC referral</u>) -March 2022
- Disabled children: Additional child protection
 procedures for disabled children August 2022
- Disabled children: Intimate care guidance March





- Local child safeguarding practice review guidance
- Multi-agency process for the resolution of professional disagreements relating to safeguarding protection of children - February 2024
- <u>Multi-agency standards for safeguarding children</u> -August 2021
- Neglect Framework & Practice Guidance
- Neglect Strategy 2024-2027
- <u>The Right Help at the Right Time guidance</u> -February 2024
- <u>Safeguarding discharge planning protocol</u> February 2023
- <u>'Think Family' Practice Guidance</u> November 2023
- <u>Unborn baby protocol (with appendices)</u> January 2022

Learning from Reviews





SSP website: main page for reports and case review learning leaflets Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Case Learning leaflets - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership Relow are some learning leaflets featuring the themes

Below are some learning leaflets featuring the themes relating to neglect:

- <u>Alan practice learning brief Swindon Safeguarding</u> <u>Partnership</u>
- <u>Bella and Ben practice learning brief Swindon</u>
 <u>Safeguarding Partnership</u>
- <u>Practice learning brief Local case review Child Y -</u> <u>Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</u>
- <u>SCR Q Learning Leaflet Swindon Safeguarding</u> <u>Partnership</u>

SSP Training



Swindon Safeguarding Partnership



Visit our webpage to find out more about training available via this link <u>Training</u> <u>Information - Swindon Safeguarding</u> <u>Partnership</u> or QR code below.

We offer a specialist course: <u>Working with</u> <u>neglect - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</u>

The below courses is open to professionals from across the safeguarding partnership and delivered by local professionals:

 Motivational interviewing and communication skills <u>Motivational</u> <u>Interviewing/Communication Skills Tickets,</u> <u>Multiple Dates | Eventbrite</u>

Other resources

- <u>Neglect is also Child Abuse: Know All About It | NSPCC</u>
- Protecting children from neglect | NSPCC Learning
- Neglect: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning
- Neglect matters: A guide for young people about neglect Free Social Work Tools and Resources: SocialWorkersToolbox.com
- Neglect and abuse | Action For Children



Resources for Parents/Carers

- **Growbaby Swindon**: Is a baby-essentials bank serving local families with children aged 0-5 completely free of charge. All families welcome currently run 2 sessions each week on a Wednesday at Pattern Church 09.30-11 and 12-13.30
- **Crosslight advice**: Crosslight debt advice in Swindon is led by a team of experienced and qualified volunteers. Crosslight has a vision to restore dignity and hope to those in need by reducing debt poverty and improving financial capability through the provision of free advice, money education and support. 020 7052 0318 or head to their website.
- Harbour project: is a charity organisation who provide a safe space for refugees and asylum seekers in Swindon open Mon-Fri 10am-2pm at the Broadgreen centre.
- Swindon Community Fridge Gorse Hill: Sharing food with the community with the aim of reducing food waste and poverty open 11-2pm Mon, Tues and Thurs Gorse Hill Baptist Church
- NHS Healthy Start: If you are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 you could get help towards the cost of healthy food and milk. Plus free healthy start vitamins for you and your baby. Find out if you're eligible <u>www.healthystart.nhs.uk</u>
- Safe Families <u>www.safefamilies.uk</u> is a charity that works with local authorities. Safe Families offer hope belonging and support to children, families and care leavers.
- **KFR refurnishing furniture reviving communities**. KFR refurbish furniture and white goods so that quality items are available to households with limited income. <u>www.kfr.org.uk</u> also on Facebook
- Swindon Food Collective : Local food bank who aim to help people in Swindon or the surrounding area who are suffering from financial hardship and finding it difficult to provide food for themselves. www.swindonfoodcollective.org



Resources for Parents/Carers

Financial support for people on prepayment meters: Prepayment Vouchers for those struggling to top up gas and electricity meters. If you support clients who are on prepayment meters for their gas or electricity, and who are finding it hard to afford to top up those meters, there could be help available.

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has funding to be able to offer vouchers for topping up energy meters. By registering with the Fuel Voucher Fund you could refer your clients directly for up to £294 in vouchers if they qualify. This would be a one off award and limited to one per household. The client would need to fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- ✓ Be receiving a means tested benefit
- \checkmark Have a health condition made worse by the cold
- ✓ Be in debt
- ✓ Have a deficit budget (be at risk of debt, not paying to heat, cutting back on food etc.).

Prospective referrers need to email <u>fuelvoucherfund@cse.org.uk</u> to register as an individual in order to refer people wanting the vouchers. You will then be sent further information about the scheme and any restrictions covering the scheme.

Please note: this is not a scheme to promote to the public or to ask residents to contact the email address given. It is only for organisations helping people to access.

