



Child Neglect

A Strategic Priority for
Swindon Safeguarding Partnership

Swindon Safeguarding Partnerships aim is to work together with partners and parents/carers to prevent neglect and to minimise the negative impact of neglect on children in Swindon.

We aim to ensure that all agencies are able to recognise neglect at the earliest opportunity, to offer preventative support, and provide an appropriate and timely response.

We know that neglect can and does affect all age groups of children, although can sometimes go unnoticed in older children, therefore the Partnership will prioritise the A, B, C of neglect:

A - Adolescents – Adolescence (twelve to eighteen (25 for Care Leavers/Young People with SEND)

B - Babies - Infancy (birth to two years)

C - Children - Pre-school (two to four years) Primary (five to eleven)

- A child's age should not be a barrier to professionals recognising and understanding the impact of Neglect.
- 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.
- The experience of neglect during childhood can have significant, long lasting and pervasive consequences, affecting all aspects of a child's development.
- To find out more information and the resources available to you visit the [SSP Neglect webpage](#) or use the QR code.

