



The Cumulative Impact of Child Neglect

Swindon Safeguarding Partnership recognise that neglect does not need to be persistent to negatively impact children and young people.

The cumulative nature of neglect means that without the necessary support, the impact can build up slowly over time, little by little. There may be a presumption that this situation isn't escalating, but the impact on brain development is happening steadily and risk can change quickly. Rather than limiting support, children's services need the resources to support families for longer to prevent chronic neglect.

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“Chronic neglect over a long period sometimes co-existing with physical, emotional and sexual abuse and that the impacts of neglect can interact with other factors and adversities in a number of ways to increase young people's vulnerability to harm.”
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