

# Safeguarding Neglect



## Defining Neglect

Working Together 2018 defines neglect as: “the persistent failure to meet a child’s basic physical and / or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child’s health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

- Provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment);
- Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger.
- Ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate caregivers);
- Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment. It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child’s basic emotional needs”.

Neglect and the damage to children from neglect has been a feature in both local and national serious case reviews has been identified as a feature in national and local SCRs, and locally in learning reviews and multi-agency audits.

Identifying neglect earlier within families, supporting parents to enable change through partnership working, in order to reduce the impact of neglect on the emotional and physical wellbeing of children.

Therefore, a neglect toolkit has been launched by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, safeguarding children's partnership. It will support you in having professional discussions when a worry about a child

Neglect Toolkit Launch video

- [Neglect Toolkit Launch x 1 20211004 123239 Meeting Recording - YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XiIQBbOR90](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XiIQBbOR90)

Toolkit

- [Neglect Toolkit 2021 \(lrsb.org.uk\)](https://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/llr-neglect-toolkit-2021.pdf) - <https://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/llr-neglect-toolkit-2021.pdf>

Neglect score sheet

- <https://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/neglect-toolkit-score-sheet-for-home-use.docx>

## **TASK**

Use the links above to establish what the neglect toolkit is. Then work with your team to produce an action plan on how you will be able to use/embed this in your setting.