**Purpose of Screening Tool**

Is to equip frontline practitioners to:

* Identify signs of neglect in both children and adolescents at an early stage
* Alert the need for further action
* Identify which agency/organisation/practitioner will progress further assessment/ intervention as needed

If concerns have been identified, practitioners need refer to the Thresholds Guidance to determine what level has been met and whether a GCP2 should be undertaken. The Neglect Screening Tool and GCP2 can be utilised as part of the step up/down process or as part of a Multi-Agency Referral Form where immediate harm has been identified.

The tool can be found [here](https://www.knowsleyscb.org.uk/themes-and-tools-3/) and will be available on on EHM/ICS.

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The tool is intended for front line practitioners within all partner agencies as a means to quickly identify areas of concern which may indicate a child/adolescent is being neglected. It is intended to complement existing tools. The tool is designed to be applicable to all ages of children and should help you identify neglect and associated factors across all age ranges.

**Child protection/Safeguarding statement**

This screening tool does not replace existing safeguarding policy and procedures in cases where you are concerned that a child/young person has or is at risk of immediate harm.

Users are then asked to summarise any concerns or strengths.

The tool concludes with a ‘Next Steps’ section, directing users to state whether they can provide the additional service needed. It asks if they have identified any actions after completing the tool and whether completing a Graded Care Profile 2 would be beneficial. The user is then asked who would complete the GCP2 (if decided), providing a rationale for the decision. Actions can be recorded.

The tool is a tick box form and is broken down in to 6 domains:

* Emotional and Behaviour
* Environmental Factors
* Health/Physical Care
* Parenting
* Education
* Feeding and Eating

In order to complete this tool it is essential that you are able to evidence the reasons why you have highlighted concerns for any of the factors indicated. Only complete the parts of the tool you are certain about. If you are unsure about completing the assessment seek appropriate help within your organisation. It is essential that where you have highlighted areas of the assessment where you are concerned that you provide further information to evidence these concerns.

**7 MINUTE BRIEFING**

**Knowsley Neglect Screening Tool**

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**Briefing**

**7 Minute Briefing: Local Lessons**

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