

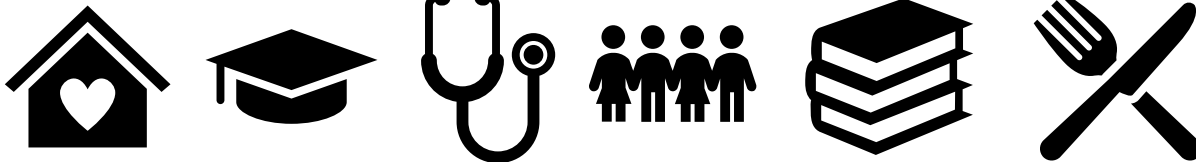
# Neglect

## Background:

In June 2023, a deep dive audit was undertaken to look at the multi-agency response to 7 children for whom there were concerns of neglect. This included looking at 2 children who were in receipt of early help, 2 children who had Child in Need Plans and 3 children who had Child Protection Plans.

## Good Practice

- For the most part, referrals were of a good quality
- Strategy meetings have been undertaken where necessary
- The voice of the child was captured for a number of the children we looked at
- Good multi-agency input in assessments
- All reviews took place within timescales
- Good multi-agency contribution to review the plan



## SSCP Neglect Training

Module 6 – Neglect: Impact on Child Development

Module 6c – Neglect: The Graded Care Profile

## The audit findings remind us to:

**Information sharing** – ensure information is shared at the earliest opportunity around neglect concerns, particularly with agencies who have regular contact with the Child such as Education

**Chronologies (timeline of involvement)** - ensure timelines of involvement are routinely kept up to date. Any new information should always be included to help practitioners to identify patterns of risk, harm, and protective factors and how they have occurred over time. They also help plan next steps for assessment and intervention.

**Impact of neglect** – give more consideration to understanding the short- and long-term impact of all forms of neglect in relation to a child's needs for example, self-esteem and forming relationships. Understanding the impact of neglect on a child and family is imperative to ensure interventions are effective.