

Graded Care Profile 2 – A more effective way to identify Neglect

Information for Managers

In response to the JTAI in Bristol in November 2017, and the recent unpublished Serious Case Review (SCR) “Neglect of a Baby” Bristol Safeguarding Children Board agreed to purchase the licence for the evidence based assessment tool for Neglect. **All training in how to use the tool is available to practitioners free of charge for at least the first year of implementation.**

The GCP2 is a practical tool which supports practitioners in measuring the quality of care delivered to a child from an individual carer or carers, and is designed to give a representative overview of the current level of care. The grades are based on observations and good quality evidence gathered during the assessment period.

In order to begin using the tool practitioners need to attend and pass one of the training dates that we are providing across Bristol.

This tool does not replace any of your current assessment methods, it integrates with our local processes and assessments in order to provide clear, specific evidence of the level of Neglect that is present (or not) within a family, and the impact that this is having on the child. This is the area that most agencies tell us that they struggle with when working with Neglect in a family at all levels of intervention.

It does not increase your staff workload, it just provides better evidence of what they know, and enables more effective plans and interventions to be made with families.

Once practitioners have clearly identified what neglect is present they will continue to use their professional skills to assess why the neglect is there and what action they need to take. If part of the action includes a referral to Bristol Children’s Services then evidence from the GCP2 assessment will improve the quality of this referral.

From September 2018 we will be holding awareness briefings to explain to managers and services that will come into contact with GCP2 the language that they can expect to see used and what this means.

To book a place on a training course go to [Book GCP2 Training](#) or [GCP2 training for BCC Children & Families Staff](#) as applicable.

Please arrange for staff that will benefit from the training to book a place as soon as possible as although all places are free, there are a limited number available during year one.

If you would like any additional information about the tool then please contact us, bscb.safeguarding.training@bristol.gov.uk.