Graded Care Profile – User Guide

CONCERN - NEGLECT

Seeing child(ren) within a setting

Seeing child(ren) within the home

Seeing child(ren) during an appointment

Early Help Teams / Think Family/ Children Centres / Health Visitor / Midwife / Schools / Early years / Safeguarding Lead (All to complete an Early Help Assessments (EHA)).

If EHA refused consider referral to Children Social Care. Don’t forget to inform the family that a referral is being made, unless to do so would put the child(ren)/family or you at risk.

Alongside EHA – think about completing either all of the Graded Care Profile with the family to identify areas of Neglect, Need and formulate an action plan to support / improve care of the child (ren) or the parts of the GCP relevant to the case.

LOW RISK
Scoring 2/ 3’s on GCP

MEDIUM RISK
Potential Risk of harm to child- scoring 3/ 4’s on GCP. Discuss with Safeguarding lead – possible referral to Social Care

HIGH RISK
Serious risk of harm to child identified either before completing GCP or by Scoring 5’s on GCP. Check with Safeguarding Lead – immediate referral to children social care

Be Confident and Professionally Curious / Have Respectful Uncertainty
be mindful of families displaying Disguised Compliance

Set clear time scales and achievable objectives with parents and stick to them—always review! Point out the positives but don’t forget to highlight the risks. Don’t forget the tool can be used as evidence both to support change but also to inform Court cases (Social Care) if necessary.