

# 7 Minute Briefings: Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board

**1. Neglect** Child Neglect is the most prevalent form of child maltreatment in the UK and is the most common reason for a child to be subject to a child protection plan nationally. Neglect is also a feature in 60% of Serious Case Reviews.

In Liverpool referrals for Neglect and Abuse have risen 7% over the last year

Assessing Neglect can be difficult, it can be subjective and prone to bias. Neglect can be complex and is sometimes intergenerational. It is also difficult to capture and compare.

**7. Further Information** including dates of future training events (including booking instructions) will be made available via the [Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board](#) website.

**6. Training** Professionals must be specially trained to use the tool. All practitioners using the GCP2 must have attended and passed the licensed training programme which will be rolled out in Liverpool by our new team of Licensed GCP2 Trainers. Liverpool Safeguarding Children Board is currently working towards making GCP2 training mandatory so we expect that multi agency practitioners prioritise their attendance. Training will be offered to key children's services staff and statutory partners in the first instance and then opened up to all partner agencies

**5. Who?** Anyone involved in evaluating the quality of care (in neglect) and can get access to the home and observe care can use the GCP2. This includes for example, social workers, family support workers, teachers and home school link workers. Also, Health staff. Parents and young people themselves.

GCP2 has been rigorously evaluated and has been found to be reliable and valid. It can be used in the knowledge that it has sound psychometric properties, and is a reliable and valid assessment tool in aiding practitioners in the assessment of child neglect. The inter-rater reliability test ensures that when two different people undertake the GCP2 at different times their findings can confidently be compared. This means that GCP2 can be used across all areas of the safeguarding continuum.

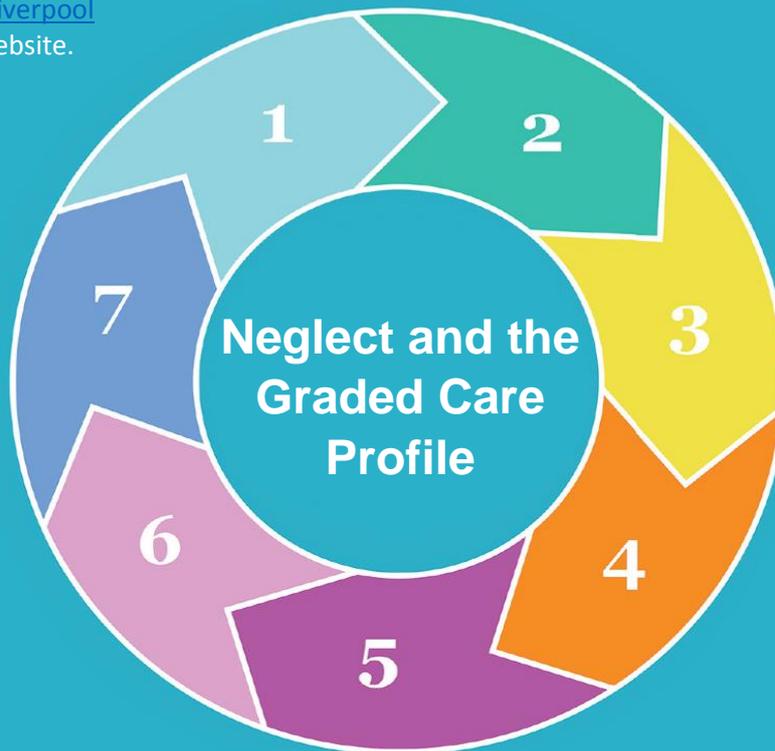
**2. What?** The Graded Care Profile (GCP version 2) is a practical tool which supports practitioners in measuring the quality of care delivered to an individual child from an individual carer or carers over a short window of time, and is designed to give a representative overview of the current level of care. The grades are based on observations and good quality evidence gathered during this window.

**3. How?** The tool is called Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) because different aspects of family life are 'graded' on a scale of 1 to 5. Questions are broken down into 4 areas:

- physical, such as quality of food, clothes and health
- safety, such as how safe the home is and if the child knows about things like road safety
- emotional, such as the relationship between the carer and child
- developmental, such as if a child is encouraged to learn and if they are praised for doing something good.

**4.** The GCP2 supports practitioners to work with parents to highlight strengths and weaknesses and also to identify what needs to be changed.

By working out what parents can do better, it's easier for the person working with a family to get them the right support to improve the life of their child.



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