



Croydon Safeguarding Children Board

Improving recognition and response to child neglect in Croydon

Improving the recognition of child neglect and providing effective support for a child impacted by neglect is a priority for the CSCB.

To support multi-agency safeguarding practice, and to enable practitioners to confidently and effectively recognise neglect, the CSCB has introduced the **NSPCC Graded Care Profile2 (GCP2)** to Croydon.

What is the Graded Care Profile2?

The NSPCC Graded Care Profile2 (GCP2) is an evidence based tool to help practitioners assess when poor parenting becomes neglectful.

The tool can be used by a variety of professionals who need to evaluate the care of a child where concerns about neglect exist. Including social workers, family support workers, health practitioners and relevant staff in schools.

The GCP2 looks at what life is like for the child, this ensures the child is kept central to the assessment.

Strengths of the GCP2

- ⇒ Is a participative process which encourages parental and child engagement
- ⇒ Can help identify parental strengths and concerns
- ⇒ Targets aspects of neglectful care
- ⇒ Provides evidence that can inform intervention and care planning
- ⇒ Is used with Early Help Assessments, Child & Family Assessments or specialist assessments



The GCP2 uses a graded scale (1-5) are descriptive and measures the quality of care from 1, where the child is always put first, to 5, where the child is not considered





Croydon Safeguarding Children Board

GCP2 - What are we doing to introduce the tool to Croydon?

GCP2 Champions from social care, family nurse partnership, health visiting and school nursing services, midwifery and the family resilience service, will provide support and training in use of the GCP2 tool to a range of practitioners from different services.

Early Adopter sites were established in Children's Social Care, Family Resilience Service and the Family Nurse Partnership to help identify best use of the GCP2 tool alongside existing local procedures and processes; including the Early Help Assessment, Child and Family Assessment and other specialist assessments.

The findings from the early adopter sites has found that use of the GCP2 helps identify specific areas of concern, engages parents in purposeful dialogue and help parents know what is expected of them; and works with existing procedures, namely the Early Help Assessment, Child & Family Assessment and specialist health assessments.

Going forward the GCP2 is being rolled-out to more teams in Children's Social Care, Best Start Early Help, Health Visiting and targeted schools. Work is also underway to align the tool to case management systems and procedures.

GCP2 training is currently available to selected teams and roles, if you are interested in knowing more please contact safeguardingchildrentraining@croydon.gov.uk

Child Neglect Training

CSCB neglect training is available to help you gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to recognise neglect.

For full details log in or register at [Croydon Learning/Neglect](#)

Any training queries please send to safeguardingchildrentraining@croydon.gov.uk

