



# Neglect Champions' Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn 2022 Neglect Champions' Newsletter. It is great to be able to welcome new Neglect Champions joining the network and we hope to continue to offer opportunities for all the champions to develop your knowledge and skills to support the workforce to address neglect in Norfolk.

If you know anyone else who would like to be a Neglect Champion then they can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/r/XmfVFtbSUi>

We hope you find the newsletter interesting and informative. If there is something you would like to see included within the newsletter then please email: [sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk)

## The Flourishing Families Tool

The Neglect Strategy Implementation Group (NSIG) has been working alongside Cambridgeshire Community Services to develop a tool which can be used by families themselves to identify where they may need additional support and also signpost them to what help can be accessed.

We've called this the Flourishing Families tool and it will be accessible for anyone who wants to use it via the Just One Norfolk website. Users will be able to save their results so they can come back and review the information.

The tool is currently in its final stages of development and will be tested with families to ensure it is user friendly.

The Flourishing Families Tool is due to be available to users in Winter 2022 and will be formally launched at the NSCP Safeguarding Practice Review Roadshows in Spring 2023.

## Child Safeguarding Practice Review Roadshows

The NSCP currently has two Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews underway which feature neglect and are due to be published in late 2022. As a result we will be running roadshows to disseminate the learning from these reviews in Spring 2023. Keep an eye out for publication information and further information about the roadshows.

## Share your practice?

Do you have some good practice examples, tools, methods or resources from working with families where neglect is a feature? We're always looking for ideas to share with the Neglect Champions network. If you have something you'd like to share please email [sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk)





## Norfolk's Attendance Strategy and Neglect

"It is recognised that attending school regularly can be a protective factor for children and young people. Learning from national and Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership serious case reviews and child practice reviews highlight the importance of having access to a school place to a child's life and the need to place school life at the heart of multi-agency planning and provision. It is therefore important to ensure that schools and settings offer a safe environment, positive relationships, high-quality teaching and learning, and opportunities to develop social and emotional skills" (Norfolk Children's Services Attendance Strategy, May 2022).

Norfolk has a new School Attendance Strategy which is currently being finalised and an important element of this is raising awareness of the issue of school attendance across the multi-agency network. School attendance is rarely just an educational issue and there are often links to other concerns for the child, which could include Neglect.

As Neglect Champions we would ask you to support the strategy by raising awareness within your teams and keeping an eye out for more information regarding implementation of the strategy. We will share a link for the strategy as soon as it is available.

## The Graded Care Profile: update

Norfolk's version of the Graded Care Profile was trialled between Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022. An evaluation report presented to the Neglect Strategy Implementation Group in June 2022 concluded use of the tool was very low whilst in other parts of the UK it was high. Therefore it was agreed that the tool would remain, but a new approach to implementing the tool was required. NSIG agreed the use of a recognised model of implementation and this is now being put into action to support use of the tool. A specialist implementation group has been formed to oversee this. The group comprises key partners from across the county and to start with it will focus on embedding use of the tool in a specific group of professional sectors, in their work with a defined cohort of children. A comprehensive package of support to help practitioners use the tool will also be provided. Once complete, the implementation group will focus on other cohorts of children in different sectors and the tool will be introduced into those settings. We know that child neglect remains a key challenge in Norfolk, as it does the rest of the UK, and the Graded Care Profile, now referred to in Norfolk as the Norfolk Graded Care Profile (NGCP) is a critical step to address this. The neglect champions will be crucial to the success of the project, and further communication about this and how you can help will follow soon.

Further information on the implementation process will be available soon and we will share this with you as neglect champions.



## Neglect Champions Teams Channel

As you will be aware we have recently created a Teams Channel for the Neglect Champions network. This is not only an opportunity for us to share information with the Champions but also a place where you can share learning with each other or ask questions which you would like support with.

If you are not currently on the channel and would like to be added please email [sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.moore@norfolk.gov.uk)

## NSCP Website

Don't forget to visit Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership's Website for valuable information around neglect <https://www.norfolklscb.org/people-working-with-children/information-on-neglect/>

As well as resources and information on neglect, you will also find pdf and Word version of the Graded Care Profile tool, the NSCP Neglect Policy and a downloadable version of the Neglect Identification Tool.

## Neglect Strategy Implementation Group

This is a multi-agency group who are tasked with facilitating the roll out of the Neglect Strategy and ensuring that its policies are implemented.

The Neglect Strategy Implementation Group is made up of representatives from across the safeguarding children partnership.

If you want to know more about the work of the NSIG or find out who the representative is from your agency please contact Sharon Moore at the email address below.

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