



Neglect Champions' Newsletter

Introduction

Welcome to our Spring 2018 Neglect Champions' Newsletter and a big hello to those new Neglect Champions who have joined the group in the last few months.

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:
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Serious Case Reviews

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board are currently undertaking several Serious Case Reviews, including cases where neglect was an underlying issue. When published, these reports will be available on the NSCB website: <https://www.norfolkscb.org/people-working-with-children/serious-case-reviews/>

We are also running a series of events around the county in May and June entitled "Implementing Learning from Norfolk's Serious Case Reviews" where we will be disseminating learning and looking at how we apply the learning to our practice. To book your place visit the training pages of our website: <https://www.norfolkscb.org/nscb-booking/nscb-booking-training/>

Obesity and Neglect

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board has a policy: 'Safeguarding Response to Obesity where Neglect is an Issue' which is on the NSCB website:
<https://www.norfolkscb.org/about/policies-procedures/5-24-safeguarding-response-to-obesity-when-neglect-is-an-issue/>

There have been several cases in Norfolk over the last few years where childhood obesity has been an issue so we would encourage all Neglect Champions to review this policy and please ensure that it is promoted within your team.

'How safe are our children?' - NSPCC

In case you missed it, in 2017 the NSPCC published a research paper entitled 'How safe are our children?', which was an overview of child protection with the UK including information on Neglect. To access the report please visit:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/research-and-resources/2017/how-safe-are-our-children-2017/>



Training Opportunities

Graded Care Profile and Assessing Parental Capacity to Change training is taking place in May, July and October 2018 across the County. Places are still available at the sessions in July and October.

If you have not yet had a chance to attend this training then it would be beneficial to your role as a Neglect Champion if you are able to do so. Booking is via the NSCB online booking system: <http://www.norfolkscb.org/nscb-booking/nscb-booking-training/>

Neglect Steering Group

We are very pleased to have recruited Ami Utting from Cambridgeshire Community Services as the Neglect Champions' Representative on the Neglect Steering Group. It is great to have practitioner input and we hope that Ami will also find this rewarding.

Practice Example

A health visitor from Cambridgeshire Community Services has shared with us an example of how they have collaboratively used the Graded Care Profile:

"A Graded Care Profile was completed jointly by the Health Visitor and Family Support Worker within the Children's Centre due to concerns around poor housing. The initial Graded Care Profile scores indicated a need for a referral to Children's Services. However the referral was not allocated for a Social Worker Assessment and instead proposed a plan for Health and Children's Centre to continue to offer support.

The Graded Care Profile enabled the practitioners involved to target "pieces" of work in a collaborative manner. The tool also enabled the practitioners to prioritise actions required. Additionally the Health Visitor shared that the tool enabled the practitioners to facilitate parental understanding of professionals' concerns. The Health Visitor discussed how the tool has supported liaison with other agencies, such as housing by evidencing the current level of need.

The Health Visitor and Family Support Worker plan to repeat the Graded Care Profile Assessment in the next few weeks to review progress and impacts on the children."

It is always great to hear about events and positive practice stories. If you have some practice you'd like to share for the Neglect Newsletter please email us—
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Research in Practice

The Research in Practice website has free to access research on the links between Neglect and other forms of harm. It also looks at how we, as professionals, respond to this. To read the research visit their website:

<https://www.rip.org.uk/resources/publications/evidence-scopes/child-neglect-and-its-relationship-to-sexual-harm-and-abuse-responding-effectively-to-childrens-needs-updated>



Neglect Steering 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.

Below are the listed representatives from the partner agencies:

Lucy Parsons—Designated Safeguarding Children Team (Norfolk and Waveney)
Abigail McGarry—Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board
Sharon Moore—Norfolk Safeguarding Children Board
Andrea Brown—Children's Services
Carol Manning—Children's Services
Sarah Nixon—Children's Services
Rachel Cogman—Children's Services
Kelly Waters—Education
Pippa Hinds—Norfolk Constabulary
Anne Pringle—NCH&C
Jane Hewitt—NCH&C
Clare Peak—Family Action—Voluntary Sector Forum Representative
Alison Bailey—Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital
Sharon Rowe—Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust
Nicola Lovett—James Paget University Hospital
Kay Wallace—Children's Services
Lynne Oxbury—Early Years Improvement Officer
Ross Hefford—Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council
Alison Baker—Cambridgeshire Community Services
Anna Briggs—Youth Offending Team
Ali Jennings—East Coast Community Healthcare
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