

# Neglect Practice Guidance Toolkit

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In Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, neglect is central to and dominates much child protection activity. Neglect is complicated but it is a form of abuse, and it can be just as damaging as physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Neglect is difficult to define, but Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) defines it as:

*The persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. It may occur during pregnancy, for example as a result of maternal substance abuse, however once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:*

- *provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment)*
- *protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger*
- *ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate care-givers)*
- *ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment (e.g. dental neglect can result in serious harm)*
- *be responsive to a child's basic emotional needs*

### Legislation and Standards

- ⇒ [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2023\)](#)
- ⇒ [Children and Families Act \(2014\)](#)
- ⇒ [Children's Act \(2004\)](#)
- ⇒ [Children's Act \(1989\)](#)
- ⇒ [Child Abuse and Neglect NICE Guideline \(2017\)](#)
- ⇒ [Child Maltreatment \(2009\)](#)

# Tools and Resources for Professionals

## Working with Neglect

### Tees Practice Guidance

- ⇒ [Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance](#)
- ⇒ [Neglect Tool](#)
- ⇒ [Child's Chronology Guidance and Template](#)

### Capturing Lived Experience Resources

- ⇒ [A Day in the Life of a Child Booklet](#)
- ⇒ [All About Me Booklet](#)
- ⇒ [All About Me Direct Worksheets and Activities](#)
- ⇒ [Always, Sometimes, Never](#)
- ⇒ [Always, Sometimes, Never Cards—Early Years Child](#)
- ⇒ [Always, Sometimes, Never Cards—Primary School Child](#)
- ⇒ [Always, Sometimes, Never Cards—Teenager](#)
- ⇒ [Always, Sometimes, Never Cards - Child with SEND](#)
- ⇒ [Teen Organisation Guide](#)
- ⇒ [Teen Star Flash Cards](#)
- ⇒ [Teen Star Questions](#)
- ⇒ [Teen Star Chart](#)
- ⇒ [Teen Star Quiz](#)
- ⇒ [Signs of Safety Tool—Fairy](#)
- ⇒ [Signs of Safety Tool—Wizard](#)

### Neglect Awareness Resources

- ⇒ [Neglect Awareness Leaflet](#)

### National Learning

- ⇒ [NSPCC Learning: Neglect—Learning from Case Reviews](#)