

## Graded Care Profile 2:

### Principles and Frequently Asked Questions

Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership has adopted the Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) tool to assess the quality of care a child is receiving where there is known or suspected neglect. This list of Frequently Asked Questions intends to address the queries practitioners may have about using the GCP2.

#### GCP2 Principles in Surrey

- GCP2 supports timely assessment/intervention in known or suspected neglect cases backed up with ongoing and sound professional judgement and multi-agency collaboration.
- Where neglect is known/suspected, GCP2 should be used across the multiagency partnership, including to support referrals to other agencies and to the Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA).
- Where immediate referral or immediate action is required, practitioners may not have had the opportunity to undertake the GCP2 and not having a GCP2 should not preclude a referral being made/accepted.
- GCP2 and its contents should be discussed in supervision to ensure sound professional judgements are supported in cases of known/suspected neglect.
- GCP2 can be repeated to monitor progress in parental care given and to support ongoing interventions. Where a stagnation or decline in care is evidenced, this can support practitioners' decision making to escalate their concerns.
- GCP2 can be undertaken by an individual practitioner or by a group of practitioners working together.
- Explicit parental consent is required to undertake the GCP2 where the threshold of significant harm has not been met.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the Graded Care Profile 2?**
2. **What are the differences between the original GCP and the new GCP2?**
3. **What does the GCP2 measure?**
4. **Why do we need GCP2?**
5. **Who can use GCP2?**
6. **Isn't this just a tool for social workers?**
7. **I have used the previous (older) version of the GCP tool – so can I now use this new version of the GCP2?**
8. **I have not received training in the new GCP2 but want to use GCP2 with a family. What should I do?**

9. I have completed the GCP2 training and I am now accredited to use the GCP2. How do I now get access to copies of the GCP2 tool and the accompanying materials?
10. Which practitioner working with a family should undertake the GCP2?
11. What are the circumstances for using the GCP2 in Surrey?
12. Do Parents have to provide consent for a GCP2 to be completed?
13. Can the GCP2 be done retrospectively?
14. Can I use one GCP2 for more than one child?
15. Can I undertake some parts of the GCP2 and not others?
16. What are the timescales for using the GCP2 tool?
17. I completed GCP2 training outside of Surrey, do I need to complete the training again?
18. What if I don't have enough time to complete the GCP2 or I don't work with parents/carers?
19. Where can I go to for any additional questions about using the GCP2?