

GCP2 Single Agency Plan- Children, Families and Learning (CFL), Surrey County Council

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As part of The Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership's (SSCP) agreement to embed the Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) into practice across the Partnership, Surrey's Children's Services agree to support the project in the following ways.

1. GCP2 Principles

1.1 Surrey CFLL supports the following principles related to GCP2:

- A. GCP2 supports timely assessment and interventions in known or suspected neglect cases backed up with ongoing and sound professional judgement and multi-agency collaboration.
- B. Where neglect is known/suspected, GCP2 should be used across the multiagency partnership, including but not only, to support referrals to other agencies and to the Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA).
- C. GCP2 and its contents should be discussed in supervision to ensure sound professional judgements are supported in cases of known/suspected neglect.
- D. GCP2 should be repeated to measure change in the quality of parental care and to support ongoing interventions.
- E. GCP2 can be undertaken by an individual practitioner. However, where possible we encourage multi agency working to gather more holistic picture of the child's lived experience, and to provide better and more joined up interventions.
- F. GCP2 must be recorded on E-CINS to support better information sharing and collaboration across the partnership.
- G. GCP2 must be completed for all children on a Child Protection or Child in Need Plan due to neglect.
- H. Explicit parental consent is required to undertake the GCP2 where the threshold of significant harm has not been met.

2. Which practitioners will use GCP2?

2.1 Where concerns are identified about neglect, practitioners in the following teams will use the GCP2 as part of their assessment and intervention practice:

- Family and Adolescent Safeguarding Teams
- Targeted Youth Services (TYS)
- Children with Disabilities Teams (CWD)

2.2 Practitioners in the above teams will use the GCP2 to assess the quality of care a child/ren is receiving, to help inform assessments and intervention plans, and to then measure the impact of the interventions.

2.3 There will be other teams in CFLL who may also, where appropriate, use GCP2 where there are concerns of neglect that emerge. These teams may not be regular users of GCP2, but it is recognised that these teams do identify concerns of neglect and are working with families where concerns have been identified. This includes (but is not limited to) the following:

- Inclusion Teams
- Access to Education Teams
- Early Years Teams
- Looked After Children's Teams
- SEES Team

3. How will teams use GCP2?

3.1 Practitioners in the teams above will work with colleagues from across education, health and the voluntary sector, where these are involved with a family, to complete a GCP2 collaboratively.

3.2 Where a GCP2 has been previously completed prior to the above teams' involvement with the child/young person/family, the practitioner will consider the requirement for completing a review of the GCP2.

3.3 GCP2 licensed practitioners will use ECINS to record their completed GCP2 assessments. A copy of the GCP2 can be downloaded from ECINS and uploaded to practitioner's day-to-day case management system.

3.4 The Family and Adolescents Safeguarding Teams will complete a GCP2 with all families where neglect is a factor in a CIN or CP Plan. The GCP2 will be available as one of the tools in Family Safeguarding Intervention Programme and will contribute to the overall Parenting Assessment and recorded in the workbook.

3.5 TYS will complete a GCP2 in all cases where neglect is a factor in a referral. The GCP2 will be completed as part of the Early Help Assessment.

3.6 The CWD Teams will complete a GCP2 with all families where neglect is a factor.

3.7 The Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA) will request that all referrals (Request for Support) from professionals who work with children, relating to neglect, have an accompanying GCP2 (unless in doing so would place the child/ren at significant risk of harm).

3.8 The Multi Agency Partnership (MAP) will review and consider any GCP2 submitted as part of a Request for Support, to aid threshold decision making. MAP will recommend that a GCP2 is completed or reviewed, where there are concerns of neglect within the referral.

3.9 The Early Help Hubs will review and consider any GCP2 submitted as part of a Request for Support, to aid threshold decision making. The Early Help Hubs will recommend a GCP2 is completed or reviewed where there are concerns about neglect.

3.10 The Assessment Service will review and consider any GCP2 submitted as part of a referral. The Assessment Service will also make the

recommendation for GCP2 to be completed or reviewed as a result of any Child and Family Assessment that highlights concerns of neglect.

3.11 The Child Protection Chairs will ensure that GCP2 is part of any CPP where neglect is a factor, and that this is used as part of ongoing intervention work with families.

3.12 Managers/Supervisors in the teams listed in section 2, will positively support the implementation of GCP2, including through discussions with practitioners in supervisions/team meetings.

4. Training practitioners

4.1 Practitioners from the teams identified in section 2 will be enabled by their managers to attend and complete the GCP2 and ECINS training (or e-learning module).

4.2 Practitioners who will not use the GCP2 directly, but who need to be familiar with what it is, shall attend a workshop to be informed about its use.

5. GCP2 Champions

5.1 TYS will identify 2 practitioners to become GCP2 Champions to further assist with the embedding of GCP2 across the Partnership.

5.2 Family Safeguarding Teams will identify 4 practitioners to become GCP2 Champions to further assist with the embedding of GCP2 across the Partnership.

5.3 The Education and Inclusion Teams will identify 2 practitioners to become GCP2 Champions to further assist with the embedding of GCP2 across the Partnership.

5.4 CWD Teams will identify 2 practitioners to become GCP2 Champions to further assist with the embedding of GCP2 across the Partnership.

6. Communication

6.1 As representatives on the GCP2 Project Board, Sam Bushby, Gill Halden and Jan Smith will support the communication of updates related to the project through internal communication channels in CFL, including newsletters, emails and meetings.