

# HSCP Neglect Strategy & COMMS Campaign



## **The Haringey HSCP Mission is:**

- To tackle Neglect at the earliest opportunity
- To prevent Neglect having a long-term impact and
- To improve the lives of children and young people who are at risk of or have experienced neglect.

# Working Together

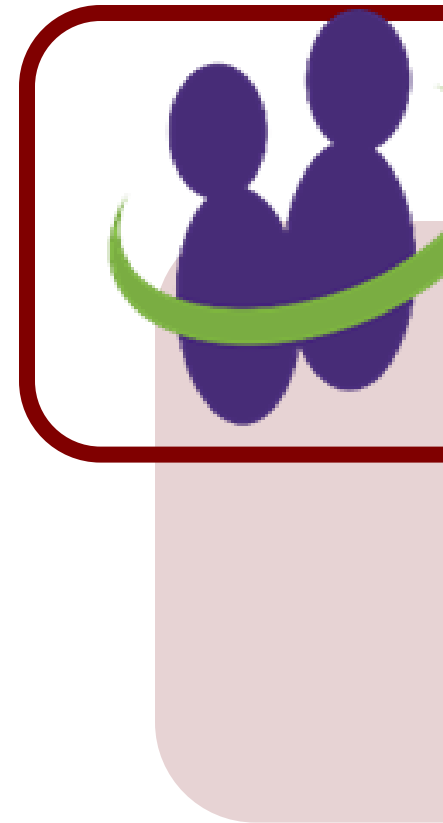
Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent 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); or
- ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.

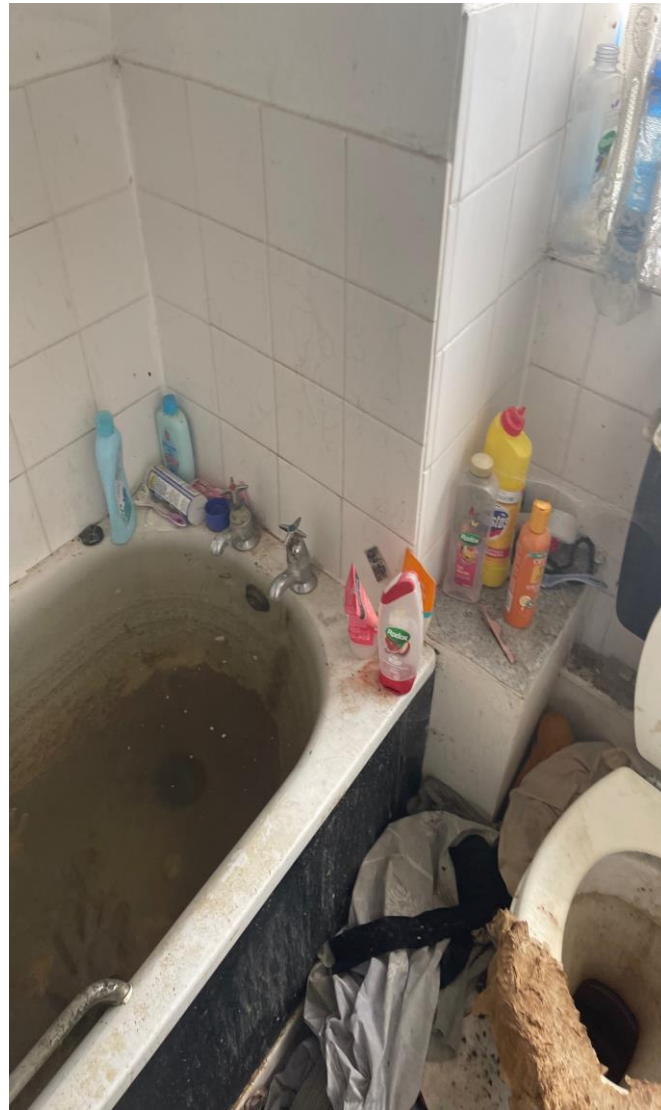
It may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

# Children can experience different forms of neglect

- Medical neglect
- Nutritional neglect
- Emotional neglect
- Educational neglect
- Physical neglect
- Lack of supervision and guidance



(Horwath 2007)







# Neglected adolescents

An NSPCC prevalence study on child maltreatment found that 20% of young adults in the UK reported having experienced inadequate supervision as children, including being allowed out overnight without parents knowing their whereabouts as a teenager.

(Cawson *et al.* 2000)

A more recent prevalence study found that 9.9 percent of respondents reported some form of parental neglect in 2009

(Radford *et al.* 2011)

## Why is neglect so important?



### It is bad for children's *brain development*

- lack of nutrients - reduced growth
- lack of stimulation – delayed brain development
- unregulated stimulation - disordered neural circuitry

Increasingly an understanding that this can result in permanent reduced functioning which has a lifelong impact on the child's health and development



# Why is neglect so important?

**It is bad for children's *emotional development***

- disturbed self-regulation
- negative self identity
- low self esteem
- clinical depression
- substance abuse

# Why is neglect so important?

**It is bad for children's sibling and *relationships***

- insecure/disorganised internal working model
- attachment disorders
- transmission of relationship problems to significant others, for example, peers, teachers, substitute carers, professionals

# Why is neglect so important?

## It is bad for our *society*

- long-term effects on adult physical and mental health and on individuals' social and occupational adjustment
- financial cost of treating or incarcerating victims
- possible association between child neglect and future anti social and criminal behaviour
- intergenerational transmission of neglectful parenting for future generations

## Neglect and Mental Health ?

**The World Happiness Report happiest countries in the world are:**

- Switzerland, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Canada, and Finland.
- a clue to this happiness may lie in the Danish word “hygge”, means a deep sense of place and well-being, a feeling of friendship, warmth, contentment, and peace with your immediate surroundings



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# Next Steps



# Refer / report / contact

## A place for professionals and members of the public to make an Early Help or Safeguarding referral to Haringey Children's Services

### Report Abuse and Neglect

- If you are worried about a child for any reason, contact MASH on 020 8489 4470.
- If you are making a referral: <https://childrensportalehm.haringey.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>
- If you are calling between 5pm and 9am weekdays or anytime at the weekend, call the Emergency out-of-hours duty team on 020 8489 0000.
- If you or a child is in immediate danger you should always phone 999.
- For HSCP Enquiries please email: [hscp@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:hscp@haringey.gov.uk)
- Or write to: Haringey Safeguarding Children Partnership, 5th Floor, 48 Station Road, Wood Green, London, N22 7TY