



Child's Name	Date of Birth	Age	
Agency	Date completed	Client Number	

Using the Graded Care Profile

The Graded Care Profile is an assessment tool which can be used to assist in the assessment of neglect. The tools will identify strengths and difficulties across a number of child development areas. It is likely to be triggered by concerns about the care the child is receiving. Whilst it may be focussed on assessing difficulties, the Graded Care Profile also identifies strengths. Focusing on strengths assists the assessor to appreciate the potential that exists within the family for change and improvement. This potential will inform decisions about possible support or interventions to meet areas of need.

The Graded Care Profile has been adopted by the LSCB in Cheshire West and Chester where neglect is an area of concern for a child's welfare. The 'tools' can be used across the Children's Continuum of Need and Response model and by practitioners from various agencies.

How to use the Graded Care Profile:

- Work through the four areas, ticking the description that best describes the care that the child receives
- Use the Scoring Grid at the end of each area section to record a baseline score for each item
- Use the Scoring Grid to record an 'overall score' for each sub-area (see Summary Guidance)
- Use the Scoring Grid to record any areas that you consider should be flagged for attention/intervention.
- Use the Scoring Grid to record relevant comments/ evidence in relation to strengths and difficulties.
- Transfer the sub-area scores to the Summary Score sheets
- Use the 'Areas flagged for intervention' sheet to identify the needs assessed and action/interventions indicated.
- Record your decisions and further actions on the final sheet.
- Needs and interventions can then be incorporated into the care planning processes of the relevant agency or inserted into the Common Assessment Form.
- Guidance notes are available to support the use of this tool.

NUTHITION NUTHIN Area of Physical Care Sub-areas All Needs Met **Essential Needs** Many Essential Some Essential Most/all Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 1) Nutrition Provides excellent Provides reasonable Provides reasonable Provides poor quality Does not consider A. Quality quality and healthy quality and healthy food or an unhealthy the health or quality quality healthy food food and drink food and drink. but inconsistently. diet through lack of of diet. When prompted, very little awareness or effort. Improves when improvement. prompted. Enough food all of Enough food nearly all Enough food most of Not enough food most B. Quantity Sometimes not the time the time the time enough food. of the time Hardly ever any Always carefully Well prepared and Prepared mainly to Often little C. Preparation prepared or cooked usually taking meet the parent's preparation. Child preparation. The for the child account of the needs. The child's child's needs and lives on snacks/cereals/junk needs sometimes child's needs tastes are not food and is expected accommodated. accommodated or the child inappropriately to prepare their own prepares their own food meal Meals organised and Well organised, often Poorly organised, Ill organised, no Chaotic, eat when D. Organisation well timed. Family seating together and clear meal times. irregular timing, no and whatever food is regular timing of sitting together. proper seating. Manners lacking. there. Poor manners.

meals. Manners

are fine.

Occasional good

manners.

Good manners

apparent.

A

Area of Physical Care



Sub-areas

All Needs Met

2Essential Needs
Met

Some Essential
Needs Unmet

Many Essential Needs Unmet

Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet

2) Housing (The 'Home Conditions Assessment' tool provides considerably more detailed information)

A. Maintenance



Very well maintained Additional features that benefit the child. e.g. insulation, double glazing, draught proofing and house safe for children.

Well maintained and some additional features. Efforts made to benefit the child only lacking if issues such as money interfere

No additional features but well maintained.

In disrepair. Some repairs could be carried out by the parents

Dangerous disrepair (exposed nails, live wires) and some repairs could be carried out by the parent/carer

B. Decor



Excellent. Child's development age and choice is evident.

Good. Some evidence of child's development age and choice.

In need of some decoration but age appropriate and reasonably clean.

In urgent need of decoration. Little or no evidence of age appropriate décor. Dirty.

In very urgent need of decoration with no evidence of age/taste appropriateness. Very dirty and/or an unpleasant smell.

C. Facilities



Both essential facilities, central heating, shower and bath, play and learning space. Essential facilities. Effort to maximise benefit for the child. Lacking only due to practical constraints e.g. finance.

Essential to bare Little effort to maximise benefit to the child.

Essential to bare.
Adult needs are
met first and child
needs met if
anything is left.

Child dangerously exposed or not provided for e.g. lack of heating, electricity.

NOTE: Discount any direct external influences like repair done by other agency but count if the carer has spent a loan or a grant on the house or had made any other personal effort towards house improvement.

NUTHTION NUTHTION Area of Physical Care Sub-areas Most/all Essential All Needs Met **Fssential Needs** Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met Needs Unmet 3) Clothing A. Insulation e.g. Well protected with Well protected even Adequate to variable Inadequate weather Dangerously inadequate. Child is garments made from if garments are made weather protection. protection. harm, warm with poorer quality good quality material. exposed to bad clothing weather. material. Clothing fits very Completely Properly fits even if B. Fitting Sometimes Often inadequate fit. handed down. inadequate fit. well. inadequate fit. Appears to be dirty, Appears almost new, Appears to look clean Appears alright but C. Appearance Appears worn, badly worn and clean and cared for. and cared for. not always clean or sometimes dirty and crumpled/and or cared for. crumpled. unpleasant odour.

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Area of Physical Care



Sub-areas	1 All Needs Met	2 Essential Needs Met	3 Some Essential Needs Unmet	4 Many Essential Needs Unmet	5 Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet
4) Hygiene					
Child aged 0 - 4	Cleaned, bathed and hair cared for daily.	Clean, bathed and hair cared for most days.	Bathing is less regular but babies are usually clean. Older toddlers less so.	Occasionally bathed but often can be dirty and hair can be uncared for.	Rarely bathed, clean or hair cared for.
Child Aged 5 - 7	Some independence with keeping clean and bathing but always helped and supervised.	Reminded to keep clean and bathe. Supervised and helped if needed.	Not always reminded to keep clean and bathe or routinely monitored.	Reminded only now and then with minimum supervision.	No concerns shown about keeping personal hygiene.
Child Aged 7 +	Reminded, helped and monitored.	Reminded regularly and followed up if not done.	Sometimes reminded.	Usually left to their own initiative.	No concerns shown about personal hygiene.

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Area of Physical Care



Sub-areas

All Needs Met

Essential Needs Met

Some Essential Needs Unmet Many Essential
Needs Unmet

Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet

5) Health

A. Opinion sought and professional advice given

Appropriate opinion sought not only on illnesses but also other genuine health matters. All advice followed

Opinion sought on issues of genuine and immediate concern about child health. Advice followed.

Opinion sought on illness of any severity. Advice followed.

Help sought but delayed even when illness becomes quite serious. Help sought but delayed or ignored even when illness becomes critical or an emergency. Advice may be not followed.

B. Follow Up



All appointments kept. Re-arranged if there is a problem. Fails one in two appointments because they doubt their importance or have other pressing practical priorities.

Fails one in two appointments even if there are important because it's inconvenient for the parent.

Attends third time after reminder.
Contests its importance even if it's of benefit to the child.

Fails a needed follow up a third time despite reminders. Misleading or doubtful explanations.

C. Surveillance and oversight of health matters



Visits in addition to the standard checks. Up to date with immunisations unless valid reservations.

Up to date with standard checks and immunisation unless parent refuses for no obvious reason.

Omissions for reasons of adult's personal convenience but takes up if persuaded. Omissions because of carelessness, accepts service if it is provided at home.

Clear disregard of child's welfare. Frustrates home visits.



Area of Physical Care



Sub-areas

All Needs Met

2 Essential Needs Met

Some Essential
Needs Unmet

Many Essential
Needs Unmet

5 Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet

5) Health

D. Disability / chronic illness (3 months after diagnosis)

Compliance with treatment and advice is excellent. Any issues due to differences of opinion. Very good affection shown.

Compliance is good.
Any issues relate to practicality or finance. Good affection shown.

Compliance is sometimes lacking for no apparent reasons. Inconsistent affection shown.

Compliance is frequently lacking and trivial reasons offered as excuses. Little affection shown. Serious compliance failure. Medication not given. Inexplicable deterioration. Any affection appears contrived.

Sco	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
	A1 Nutrition	A Nutrition Quality							
	AI Null IIIOII	B Nutrition Quantity							
		C Nutrition Preparation							
		D Nutrition Organisation							
	A2 Housing	A Housing Maintenance							
IIth	,	B Housing Décor							
Heo		C Housing Facilities							
cal	A3 Clothing	A Clothing Insulation							
ysi		B Clothing Fitting							
Ph.		C Clothing Appearance							
Area of Physical Health	A4 Hygiene	A Child Hygiene							
Ar	A5 Health	A Health opinion sought							
	AS FIEGITI	B Health Follow Up							
		C Health Surveillance and oversight of health matters							
		D Disability / chronic illness (3 months after diagnosis)							

Comments / Evidence (e.g. what you have observed). Recording strengths as well as the difficulties ensure that the potential of the family to change is recognised and their achievements built upon.						

Area of Safety B Sub-areas All Needs Met Essential Needs Many Essential Most/all Essential Some Essential Met Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet 1) In Presence of Parent Rarely notices Very aware of Aware of important Poor awareness of Unconcerned about A. Awareness of appropriate safety safety and risk safety and risk safety or risk issues safety or risks. Safety except for immediate and risk issues. issues. risks. danger. B. Practice at Always cautious with Cautious whilst Handling of child is Handling of child is Dangerous handling. handling and laying uncertain. Frequently e.g. left dangerously handling and laying uncertain Pre-mobility age down child. Baby down child. Frequent unattended when in Unattended during unattended whilst checks if the house care chores e.g. feeding or bathing. seldom left unattended. feeding bottle unattended. left in mouth. Alert and effective B. Practice at Constant alertness Action taken to If action is taken it Inadvertently measures against any and effective prevent danger are is ineffective. Short exposes to serious Acquisition of of limited use. dangers. E.g. hot iron measures against any danger. term improvement mobility dangers. after mishaps soon left near by. lapses. Close supervision Supervision indoors. Little supervision in No supervision. Minor mishaps ignored B. Practice at or out of doors. indoors and No direct Intervenes after or the child is blamed. Infant School supervision outdoors Intervenes only if in Intervenes casually outdoors mishaps which soon considerable danger. even after major if known to be at a lapses. safe place. mishaps and lapses.

Area of Safety B 2 Sub-areas All Needs Met Essential Needs Some Essential Most/all Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 1) In Presence of Parent Unconcerned about Allows out in known Allows out in Not always aware of Unconcerned despite **B.** Practice unfamiliar whereabouts knowledge of safe surroundings daytime outings but Junior and Senior with agreed time surroundings if felt outdoors. Believing concerned about dangers outdoors. School limits and checks. to be safe. Sets it is safe as long as late nights in case E.g. railway lines, the child returns on of child younger ponds, unsafe reasonable time building, or staying limits and checks than 13. time. away until late evenina Well secured in the 3 to 4 year old Babies, toddlers C. Traffic Infants not secured Babies not secured in pushchair. 3 to 4 unsecured careless pushchair or pram or allowed to walk, but in pram. 3 to Age 0-4 year old child left walks at child's pace close by parent. 4 year old expected with pram or with hand firmly Always in sight, hand to keep up with far behind pushchair. 3 to 4 when held. held firmly if adult when walking. walking. year old child left to Occasional glance wander necessary e.g. crowds or by roads. back if left behind unsupervised. 5 to 10 year old 5-7 year old allowed 5-7 year old allowed 5-8 year old allowed At age 7 child C. Traffic escorted by adult to cross road with a to cross with a child to cross a busy road crosses a busy road Age 5 and above when crossing a busy 13+ child, 8-9 year who is under 13. 8-9 alone because they alone without any concerns regarding road. Walk closely old allowed to cross are believed to be vear old allowed to cross alone together. alone if they are safe. safety. safe to do so.

B Area of Safety



Sub-areas

All Needs Met

ZEssential Needs
Met

Some Essential
Needs Unmet

Many Essential
Needs Unmet

Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet

1) In Presence of Parent

D. Safety Features

This item along with other safety provisions which are not fixtures, such as bike helmets or safety car seats can be used to help to score Item 1 (Awareness of safety) All relevant safety features. Gates, guards, secure windows, locked medicine cabinets, smoke alarms, household chemicals secured, electrical and gas safety devices, intercom, safety within garden e.g. pond.

Most essential features.
Improvisation and DIY safety features when they cannot be afforded.

Lacking in essential features, very little improvisation or DIY is ineffective.

No safety features and some hazards through lack of repair or concerns. No safety features and dangerous hazards or disrepair. E.g. exposed electric wires and sockets, unsafe or broken windows, dangerous household chemicals or no smoke alarms.



Area of Safety Sub-areas All Needs Met Some Essential Most/all Essential Essential Needs Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 2) Safety in Absence of Parent Child is left in care Child aged 1-12 When out playing When out playing a When out playing a years is left for a 0-7 year old is left of a competent and leaves a 0-9 year old 0-7 year old is left with an 8-10 year safe adult. Never in with a child aged 10short time with a alone or with the sole care of a young person over 13 13 or a person not old or person not slightly older child who is familiar. i.e. 8 or less, or with young person under known to be known to be 16. competent with no an unsuitable young competent. competent. significant problems. person or adult. The above applies to babies only in urgent situations.

Sco	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
	B1 In	A Awareness							
24	Presence of	B Practice							
Safety	Parents	C Traffic							-
		D Safety Features							
Area of	B2 Safety in Absence of Parents								

Comments / Evidence (e.g. what you have observed). Recording strengths as well as the difficulties ensure that the potential of the family to change is recognised and their achievements built upon.

PARPAR PARPAR Area of Responsiveness Sub-areas All Needs Met Most/all Essential **Fssential Needs** Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 1) Carer Understands distinct Anticipates or picks Not sensitive Insensitive Needs Insensitive to even A. Sensitivity up very subtle signals verbal or clear enough. Signals have repeated or repeated and nonverbal expressions prolonged and prolonged intense both verbal or to be intense to be nonverbal expressions including emotions or noticed e.g. child intense signals to be signals or is even including emotions or mood noticed e.g. averse to signals. crying. mood. screaming. Not timely if Responses delayed B. Timing of Responses well timed Responses mostly No responses unless timely except when with signals or even distracted. Timely if even when child is in there is a clear response anticipates those occupied by essential they are not distress. mishap. otherwise occupied or signals. chores. if the child is distressed. Emotional response Unpleasant/punitive Warm emotional and Practical responses Emotional and C. Appropriate practical responses e.g. treats are practical responses is brisk, flat and even if child in responsiveness to appropriate to the lacking but warm if in good functional. distress. Acts after the child emotional responses mood. Otherwise Annoyance if child a serious mishap signal. are warm and flat. in moderate mainly to avoid reassuring. distress but criticism. Any attentive if in warmth or remorse severe distress. is deceptive.

PARPAR PARPAR Area of Responsiveness Sub-areas All Needs Met **Fssential Needs** Some Essential Many Essential Most/all Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 2) Mutual Engagement Child appears Two way with parent Equally positive by Approaches mainly Mainly by the child. A. Overtures usually going first both. Parent by child and, Seldom by the resigned or two way responds even if apprehensive and and engaging child. sometimes by the carer. communication the child is defiant. carer. Negative does not make response if the approaches. child's behaviour is defiant Both engage and Both Sometimes engaged Engagement mainly Dislikes approaches B. Quality engage and and pleasure shown. by the child. Child is enjoy it. enjoy it. practical. Frequent pleasure Pleasure is usually The child gets most resigned or plays on Indifferent when its own. Carer shown. shown. enjoyment and the child attempts to engage. Child can engages only if told carer passively joins in and occasionally derive some to do so. gets enjoyment. pleasure e.g. attempts to sits on knees, tries to show toys.

CAUTION: If child has temperamental/behavioural problems, scoring in this sub-area (mainly quality item) can be affected unjustifiably. Scoring should be done on the basis of score in area C/1 (Carer) and problem noted as comments.

Sco	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
SS	C1 Carer	A Sensitivity							
ivene	32 3 4. 3.	B Timing of response							
spons		C Appropriate responsiveness to the child							
Area of Responsiveness	C2 Mutual Engagement	A Overtures two way communication B Quality							

Comments / Evidence (e.g. what you have observed). Recording strengths as well as the difficulties ensure that the potential of the family to change is recognised and their achievements built upon.

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河底河底河底河底河底河底 Area of Esteem Sub-areas **Essential Needs** Most/all Essential All Needs Met Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met Needs Unmet 1) Stimulation Assisted and new Supports if a child is Child finds own Disinterested. Some assistance and Age 5+ years from a family who friends checked. new friends checked. friends. No help from indifferent or even iii Peer/friend are friendly with carer unless serious discouraged. interaction problems e.g. carer. bullying. Age 5+ years Fully provided e.g. Well provided and Some limited Poor provision. No provision made sports gear or tries to provide provision. and even discouraged. iv Provision equipment computer. more. 2) Approval Talks about the Talks fondly about Agrees with other Uninterested if the Undermines if the child is praised. child with pleasure the child when people's praise of child is praised by



Talks about the child with pleasure and praises without prompting.

Appropriate emotional and practical rewards for achievement.

Talks fondly about the child when asked. Generous praise and emotional reward, less practical reward e.g. financial constraints. Agrees with other people's praise of the child. Gives low key praise and some emotional rewards.

child is praised by others.
Indifferent to the child's achievement which is only briefly acknowledged.

Undermines if the child is praised.
Achievements are not acknowledged.
Reprimanded or mocking is the only response.

D Area of Esteem



Sub-areas

All Needs Met

Essential Needs
Met

Some Essential
Needs Unmet

Many Essential
Needs Unmet

Most/ all Essential Needs Unmet

3) Disapproval



Mild and consistent verbal disapproval if a set limit is crossed.

Consistent verbal and low level physical and other sanctions if any set limits are crossed. Inconsistent
boundaries or
methods. Shouts or
ignores child. Low
level physical and
moderate other
sanctions.

Inconsistent.
Shouts/harsh
verbal or moderate
physical, or severe
other sanctions.

Terrorised.
Ridiculed, severe
physical or cruel and
spiteful other
sanctions.

4) Acceptance



Unconditional acceptance. Always warm and supportive even if child is failing.

Unconditional acceptance, even if temporarily upset by child's behaviour. However, always warm and supportive.

Annoyance at child's failure.

Unsupportive or rejecting if the child is failing.

Indifferent if child is achieving and rejects or belittles if the child makes mistakes or fails.

Sco	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
	D1 Stimulation	A Age 0 - 2 years							
Sm -		B Age 5 + years							Y
f Esteem	D2 Approval	D2							
Area of	D3 Disapproval	D3							
	D4 Acceptance	D4							

Comments / Evidence (e.g. what you have observed). Recording strengths as well as the difficulties ensure that the potential of the family to change is recognised and their achievements built upon.

Graded Care Profile (GCP) - Summary Scores

Area	Sub-Area	Sub-Area Score
A	1. Nutrition	
Physical	2. Housing	
	3. Clothing	
	4. Hygiene	
	5. Health	
В	1. In Carer's Presence	
Safety	2. In Carer's Absence	
C	1. Carer	
Responsiveness	2. Mutual Engagement	
D	1. Stimulation	
Esteem	2. Approval	
	3. Disapproval	
	4. Acceptance	

Areas flagged for attention - Physical, Safety, Responsiveness, Esteem

Area, sub area and score E.g. Physical: Housing: Maintenance: Score	Description and child's need E.g. Description: Dangerous disrepair (exposed live wires). Child's Need: Child needs to be kept safe from electric shocks	Action required E.g. 1. Parent to buy some electric masking tape and wrap around exposed wire/broken socket until the landlord repairs. 2. Parent and worker to notify the landlord of the danger and request immediate repair

Decisions						
Where this ha	your decisions after completing the Graded Care Profile. Areas identified at level 4 and 5 may be indicative of neglect. I'm is considered 'significant', Child Protection Procedures must be followed. discussed with your supervisor.					
	Concerns about neglect in this case have not been substantiated.					
	Some concerns about neglect in this case have been substantiated, but I do not consider that this child is suffering sign	gnificant harm.				
	Concerns about neglect in this case have been substantiated and I am concerned that this child is suffering significant	t harm.				
Further A	Action arising from this assessment					
supervisor to	Care Profile you may have recorded items 'flagged for attention'. These flagged items may indicate the need for discu confirm actions, decisions and interventions. Many agencies will have systems to record plans and interventions to me rnatively, agencies may wish to use the Common Assessment Form to manage these processes.	•				
On-going work.	Choose one or more of the following options:					
$\qquad \Rightarrow \; This \; agenc$	y will undertake on-going work with this family.					
$igg(\; \Rightarrow \; This \; agenc$	y will undertake on-going work with this family with the support, advice and guidance of other agencies.					
$\left(\hspace{0.1cm} \Rightarrow \hspace{0.1cm} This \hspace{0.1cm} is \hspace{0.1cm} not \hspace{0.1cm} \right)$	appropriate for this agency and a referral will be made to a more appropriate agency.					
⇒ Referral to	o Children's Social Care due to Child Protection concerns					
⇒ No furthe	r action					
Consent						
	ormation or referral to another agency the consent of the child/parent is usually required. Please confirm whether the as been obtained.	e consent of the				
\Rightarrow I have obt	\Rightarrow I have obtained consent to share information/refer to another agency.					
⇒ I do not have consent to share information/refer with another agency but have Child Protection concerns and obtaining consent may harm the child.						

