

Graded Care Profile

Child's Name	Age		Date of Birth	
Worker's Name				
Parent/Carer Name				
Name of Agency				

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 focused 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 Home Conditions Assessment Tool can also be used to assess neglect. It focuses on the physical conditions of the home.

How to use the Graded Care Profile

- Work through the four areas, insert Physical Care, Safety, Responsiveness, Esteem ticking the description that best describes the care 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 (this is either the average score or any score above 4 or 5).
- 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 which are towards the end of the GCP.
- Use the 'Areas identified for improvement' sheet to identify the needs assessed and action/ interventions indicated.
- Record your decisions and further actions on the final sheet.
- Concerns and actions can then be incorporated into the care planning processes of the relevant agency or inserted into the Team around the Family or equivalent form.
- Guidance notes are available to support the use of this tool.

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

Sub-areas	1 All Needs Met	2 Essential Needs Met	3 Some Essential Needs Unmet	4 Many Essential Needs Unmet	5 Most/ all Essentia Needs Unmet
2) Housing (The 'H	ome Conditions Assessn	nent' tool provides consi	iderably more detailed	information)	
A. Maintenance B. Decor	Very well maintained. Additional features that benefit the child. e.g. insulation, double glazing, draught proofing and house safe for children. Excellent. Child's development age and choice is evident.	Well maintained and some additional features. Efforts made to benefit the child only lacking if issues such as money interfere Good. Some evidence of child's development age and choice.	No additional features but well maintained. In need of some decoration but age appropriate and reasonably clean.	In disrepair. Some repairs could be carried out by the parents In urgent need of decoration. Little or no evidence of age appropriate décor. Dirty.	Dangerous disrepair (exposed nails, live wires) and some repairs could be carried out by the parent/carer In very urgent need decoration with no evidence of age/tas appropriateness. Ve dirty and/or an unpleasant smell.
C. Facilities	All essential facilities, central heating, shower and bath, play and learning space available.	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.

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3) Clothing					
A. Insulation e.g. warm clothing	Well protected with garments made from good quality material.	Well protected even if garments are made with poorer quality material.	Adequate to variable weather protection.	Inadequate weather protection.	Dangerously inadequate. Child is exposed to bad weather.
B. Fitting	Clothing fits very well.	Properly fits even if handed down.	Sometimes inadequate fit.	Often inadequate fit.	Completely inadequate fit.
C. Appearance	Appears almost new, clean and cared for.	Appears to look clean and cared for.	Appears alright but not always clean or cared for.	Appears worn, sometimes dirty and crumpled.	Appears to be dirty, badly worn and crumpled/and or unpleasant odour.

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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, clear 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.

A Area of Physical Care								
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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 2 3 5 Sub-areas 4 Essential Needs Most/all Essential All Needs Met Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Met Needs Unmet Needs Unmet 5) Health Compliance is good. Compliance is Compliance is Serious compliance D. Disability / Compliance with Any issues relate to sometimes lacking frequently lacking failure. Medication treatment and chronic illness (3 advice is excellent. practicality or for no apparent and trivial reasons not given. months after finance Good offered as excuses Inexplicable Any issues due to reasons. diagnosis) Little affection affection shown. Inconsistent differences of deterioration. Any affection shown. affection appears shown. opinion. Very good affection shown. contrived.

oring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
A1 Nutrition	A Nutrition Quality							
AT Null Hon	B Nutrition Quantity							
	C Nutrition Preparation							
	D Nutrition Organisation							
A2 Housing	A Housing Maintenance							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	B Housing Décor							
	C Housing Facilities							
A3 Clothing	A Clothing Insulation							
.	B Clothing Fitting							
	C Clothing Appearance							
A4 Hygiene	A Child Hygiene							
A5 Health	A Health opinion sought							
AS FIEUTH	B Health Follow Up							
	C Health Surveillance and oversight of health matters							
	D Disability / chronic illness (3 months after diagnosis)							

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

Area of Safety B Sub-areas 2 3 5 Essential Needs Most/all Essential All Needs Met Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Met Needs Unmet Needs Unmet 1) In Presence of Parent Unconcerned about Not always aware of Unconcerned despite Allows out in known Allows out in **B** Practice possible dangers safe surroundings unfamiliar whereabouts daytime outings but Junior and Senior with agreed time surroundings if felt outdoors. Believing concerned about outdoors. E.a. School to be safe. Sets limits and checks it is safe as long as late nights in case railway lines, ponds, unsafe building, or reasonable time the child returns on of child younger staying out until late limits and checks than 13 time evenina. Infants not secured Well secured in the 3 to 4 year old Babies not secured Babies toddlers C. Traffic allowed to walk, but in pushchair. 3 to 4 unsecured careless pushchair or pram or in pram. 3 to Age 0-4 walks at child's pace close by parent. 4 year old expected vear old child left with pram or Always in sight, hand to keep up with pushchair. 3 to 4 with hand firmly behind far when held held firmly if adult when walking. walking. vear old child left to Occasional glance necessary e.g. wander crowds or by roads. back if left behind unsupervised. 5-7 year old allowed 5 to 10 year old 5-8 year old allowed 5-7 year old allowed At age 7 child C. Traffic escorted by adult to cross road with a to cross a busy road crosses a busy road to cross with a child 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 road. Walk closely old allowed to cross vear old allowed to are believed to be concerns regarding together. alone if they are cross alone safe. safety. safe to do so.

B Area of Safety

Sub-areas

All Needs Met

Essential Needs
Met

Some Essential Needs Unmet

Many Essential Needs Unmet 5 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 B Sub-areas Most/all Essential Essential Needs Some Essential Many Essential All Needs Met Met Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet 2) Safety in Absence of Parent Child is left in care In the Care of Child aged 1-12 When out playing When out playing a When out playing a 0-7 year old is left of a competent and years is left for a leaves a 0-9 year old 0-7 year old is left Others safe adult Never in short time with a with a child aged 10with an 8-10 year alone or with a the sole care of a 13 or a person not old or person not slightly older child young person over 13 young person under who is familiar, known to be known to be i.e. 8 or less, or with competent with no competent. competent. an unsuitable young 16. 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							
Safety	Presence of	B Practice							
afe	Parents	C Traffic							
		D Safety Features							
Area of	B2 Safety in Absence of Parents	In the Care of Others							

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

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

Scor	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
23	C1 Carer	A Sensitivity							
enes		B Timing of response							
Responsiveness		C Appropriate responsiveness to the child							,
of Resp	C2 Mutual Engagement	A Overtures two way communication Awareness							
Area of	Lingugemeni	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.

D Area of E	steem				
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
1) Stimulation					
Age 0 - 2 years	A great deal of appropriate stimulation. E.g. talking, touching, reading &looking. Many positive educational toys.	Adequate and appropriate stimulation. Some positive educational toys.	Inadequate and/or inappropriate. Baby left alone while carer does what they want. Occasional interactions with the baby.	Baby left alone while carer pursues own interests unless the baby demands attention.	None. Even mobility restricted e.g. confined in chair/pram for the carer's convenience. Irritated if the baby demands attention.
Age 2 - 5 years i Interactive stimulation talking to and playing with the child. Reading stories and discussion.	Plenty and good quality.	Sufficient and of satisfactory quality.	Variable.	Deficient even if the carer is totally unoccupied	No stimulation.
Age 2 - 5 years ii Toys and gadgets items of uniform, sports equipment books etc.	Excellent provision.	Provides all that is necessary and tries for more. Adapts if carer can't afford.	Essentials only. No effort to improvise if unaffordable.	Lack of even essential toys.	None unless provided by others e.g. gifts or grants.

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1) Stimulation					
Age 2 - 5 years iii Outings taking the child out for recreational purposes	Frequent visits to child centred places both locally and further away.	Enough visits to child centred places locally (e.g. parks) and occasionally further away.	Child accompanies carer going where carer decides but usually in child friendly places.	Child accompanies carer e.g. local shopping. Plays outside and outings to keep up with others.	No outings for the child. May play in the street if carer goes out locally e.g. to pub.
Age 2 - 5 years iv Celebrations seasonal and personal.	Notable, happy, fun and appropriate.	Very good but may be limited e.g. by finances.	Mainly seasonal and low key personal e.g. birthdays.	Only seasonal. Low key to keep up with other people.	Even seasonal festivities absent or dampened.
Age 5+ years Education	Active interest in school which is supported at home.	Active interest in school. Support at home when carer is free of essential tasks.	Some interest in school. but little support at home, even if carer has spare time.	Little interest and poor support in school. Interest for other reasons e.g. free meals.	Disinterested or even discouraging.
Age 5+ years ii Sports and leisure	Well organised outside school hours e.g. clubs and swimming.	All support that is affordable.	Not active in finding activities, but will use local facilities.	Child finds activities for themselves Parent/carer is indifferent.	Disinterested even if the child is involved in other unsafe or unhealthy activities.

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1) Stimulation								
Age 5+ years iii Peer/friend interaction	Assisted and new friends checked.	Some assistance and new friends checked.	Supports if a child is from a family who are friendly with carer.	Child finds own friends. No help from carer unless serious problems e.g. bullying.	Disinterested, indifferent or even discouraged.			
Age 5+ years iv Provision equipment	Fully provided e.g. sports gear or computer.	Well provided and tries to provide more.	Some limited provision.	Poor provision.	No provision made and even discouraged			
2) Approval								
Reward and Approval	Talks about the child with pleasure and praises without prompting.	Talks fondly about the child when asked. Generous praise and emotional	Agrees with other people's praise of the child. Gives low key praise and some	Uninterested if the child is praised by others. Indifferent to the	Undermines if the child is praised. Achievements are not acknowledged.			
	Appropriate emotional and practical rewards for achievement.	reward, less practical reward e.g. financial constraints.	emotional rewards.	child's achievement which is only briefly acknowledged.	Reprimanded or mocking is the only response.			

Area of Esteem D Sub-areas Essential Needs Most/all Essential All Needs Met Some Essential Many Essential Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Needs Unmet Met 3) Disapproval Mild and consistent Consistent verbal Terrorised Trconsistent Trconsistent Disapproval and verbal disapproval if and low level boundaries or Shouts/harsh Ridiculed, severe Sanctions physical and other physical or cruel and a set limit is methods Shouts or verbal or moderate sanctions if any set ignores child. Low physical, or severe spiteful other crossed level physical and limits are crossed other sanctions sanctions moderate other sanctions 4) Acceptance Unconditional Annoyance at child's Unconditional Unsupportive or Unconditional Indifferent if child acceptance. Always acceptance, even if failure. rejecting if the is achieving and **Support** warm and supportive temporarily upset by child is failing. rejects or belittles even if child is if the child makes child's behaviour failing. However, always mistakes or fails.

warm and supportive.

Sco	ring Grid		1	2	3	4	5	Flagged for Attention	Overall Score
	D1Stimulation	Age 0 - 2 years							
	5101mala non	Age 2-5 Interactive stimulation							
		Age 2-5 Toys and gadgets							
		Age 2-5 Outings							
em		Age 2-5 Celebrations							
Area of Esteem		Age 5+ Education							
		Age 5+ Sports and leisure							
		Age 5+ Peer/friend interaction							
		Age 5+ Provision of equipment							
	D2 Approval	D2 Reward and Approval							
	D3 Disapproval	D3 Disapproval and Sanctions							
	D4 Acceptance	D4 Unconditional Support							

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 Identified for Improvement

Concern		Action Required				
Sub area	What needs to Improve	Tasks agreed	Who will action	By when		

Decisions

Please record your decisions after completing the Graded Care Profile. Areas identified at level 4 and 5 may be indicative of neglect. If these indicate a
safeguarding concern, Child Protection Procedures must be followed. This should be 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 significant harm.				
	Concerns about neglect in this case have been substantiated and I am concerned that this child is suffering significant harm.				
Further a	ction arising from this assessment				
Choose one	or more of the following options:				
Child Protec	tion Concerns, refer to Children's Social Services				
Undertake ongoing work with this family					
Undertake joint ongoing work with this family with other agencies.					
Not appropriate for this agency – refer to another agency					
No further a	ction				
Arrango a fu	rthor visit to monitor progress	Planned Visit			
Arrange a ru	rther visit to monitor progress	Unplanned Visit			

Consent

For sharing information or referral to another agency the consent of the child/parent is usually required. Please confirm whether the consent of the child/parent has been obtained.

I have obtained consent to sh	nare information/refer to another agency	
I do not have consent to shar harm the child	re information/refer with another agency but have Child Protection concerns and obtaining consent may	
Parent Signature(s)		
Worker's Signature		
Manager's Comments		
Manager's Signature		