



Warrington Safeguarding Children Board

Expectations Regarding the Implementation and Use of the Graded Care Profile and Home Conditions Assessment

Neglect and Home Conditions are difficult to define and different agencies have varied views about what constitutes neglect and what level of home conditions are unacceptable. These views and the lack of a common language lead to difficulties and disagreements. In 2015 Warrington Safeguarding Children Board introduced the Graded Care Profile and Home Conditions Assessment to help and support practitioners across Warrington with assessments and interventions which focus on 'neglect'.

Warrington Safeguarding Children Board expects all Board member agencies to:

1. Adopt and appropriately utilise the Graded Care Profile and Home Conditions Assessment.
2. Identify a 'Champion' within each agency to promote and monitor the usage within their agency.
3. Ensure that all staff that have contact with children and families have an awareness (Level 1) of the Graded Care Profile and Home Conditions Assessment (via specific briefings, team meetings or electronic briefings by your agency champion).
4. Ensure that all staff who undertake work with children and families in the home are appropriately trained (Level 2) to conduct a Graded Care Profile and Home Conditions Assessment (to be delivered by the agency trained trainer). For example, any lead professional for an Early Help Assessment with concerns of neglect is expected to utilise this tool. Similarly, there is an expectation that any social worker working and assessing a family with signs of neglect uses this tool.
5. Support other Board member agencies who are undertaking a Graded Care Profile and/or Home Conditions Assessment by sharing relevant information to allow the assessment to be completed.
6. Ensure appropriate records are kept of staff trained and usage of the Graded Care Profile and Home Assessment Conditions.

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