

NEGLECT CHECKLIST



Are you are worried that a child in your setting may be suffering from neglect? Use the below questions to help you assess the situation.

Name of Child.....

DOB/Age.....

Today's Date.....

Name of Staff Member and
Setting.....

Development Need	Provide details or examples			
AREA 1: PHYSICAL CARE	No Concerns	Maybe	Yes	
- Does the child frequently appear hungry or thirsty on arrival? - Are you worried he/she has not been getting enough food/drink?				
Clothing and footwear: - Is the child appropriately dressed for the weather? - Are the clothes clean or dirty? - Do their shoes fit? Are they appropriate?				
Hygiene: - Does the child smell unclean? - Are you concerned that the child underwear or nappy is not changed frequently enough? - Does the child appear to be regularly bathed and have hair washed? - Are you concerned about dental hygiene?				
AREA 2: HEALTH				

• Does the child have any current health issues? • Is there evidence of headlice? • Does the child have any rashes? • Is there any evidence of any sores or bruises? • Does the child frequently seem to be unwell? • Are you ever worried that parents are not seeking medical advice or interventions? • Does the child ever need medication?				
• Do you have cause for concern over the child's sleeping arrangements?				
• Does the child have a known condition or disability?				
AREA 3: SAFETY AND SUPERVISION				
• Are you concerned about any aspect of safety with the child's pram/car seat?				
• Do you have any concerns regarding parents' supervision of the child?				
• Do you have any concerns regarding parents handling of baby/child or responses to baby's/child needs?				
• Are you aware if the child/baby is frequently cared for by other adults?				
• Are you ever concerned about adult arguments or violence?				

Do you have any reason to suspect alcohol or Substance misuse?				
AREA 4: LOVE & CARE				
- Are you ever concerned about Parent/carer's - capacity or attitude to parent the child? - Does the parent/carer show warmth and care to the child?				
Are you ever concerned that appropriate boundaries may not be put in place?				
Are you aware of any Young-caring responsibilities in the family?				
AREA 5: STIMULATION AND EDUCATION				
Does the child appear stimulated and developing appropriately for age?				
Do you have any concerns about the child's development or social needs?				
Home Environment: Have you ever visited the home? If so did you have any concerns?				
TOTAL SCORE IN EACH AREA				

ANALYSIS: What is your overall analysis of the situation?

*To help answer this, consider the information you know and how this might impact the child(ren). Consider whether or not there have been any previous concerns or patterns or links between parenting behaviours? **Be clear about what you are worried about.***

Action:

Speak to your supervisor/manager about your concerns and findings. In line with your safeguarding policy/procedures, decide who will need to speak to the parents and ensure your record your concerns.

After this, decide if a conversation or referral to Oldham MASH is required. If it is decided not, please remain vigilant for any more concerns/signs of neglect and repeat the checklist

Are you concerned that a child has or is suffering harm, neglect or abuse?

Please call the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) team on 0161 770 7777

If a child is in immediate danger phone 999 and speak to the Police.

in a couple of weeks time.