

## Luton Implementation of the GCP2 tool for assessment of Neglect

### Updated Guidance Document

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The Luton Safeguarding Children Board/Flying Start have collected evidence from the practitioner workshops and the audits of GCP2 on how the GCP2 tool is being used. Based on that we would want to emphasise the following:

- 1. Neglect – a GCP2 must be completed** for all new cases where neglect is an issue.
- 2. Newly trained GCP2 practitioner:** From Feb 2019 onwards, anyone undertaking the licenced training will be **expected to have undertaken a GCP2 profile with a family within 3 months**. The NSPCC certificate of award will only be sent to you once you have notified the LSCB [Lutonlscb@luton.gov.uk](mailto:Lutonlscb@luton.gov.uk) that you have completed a profile. Your department may also be charged for the cost of training if you have not used the GCP2 in that timeframe.
- 3. Lead professional:** A GCP2 should in most cases be undertaken by two practitioners. Practitioners should agree that one should be nominally the lead and this would in most cases be the one with the most contact or better relationship with the family.
- 4. Taking your time:** Completing/reviewing a profile with the family does take time. The evidence from practice suggests it's important to take that time as it enables families to have a clear understanding of the issues and the actions they need to take. **However on completion of GCP2, visits should all take place within a maximum of a six week period.**
- 5. A GCP2 on the family or the child?** We expect one profile per child. Whilst there may be similarities in the care of all the children, it is important to identify if there is differentiation in the care of each child and this should be captured by undertaking one profile per child.
- 6. Involving adult members in the household:** A GCP2 needs to consider anyone living in the property and not just the carers/adults with parental responsibilities. In order to do so practitioners need to discuss with all of the adults what the GCP2 is about and what it assesses.
- 7. Housing Issues:** For some families living in rented properties in Luton, there may be issues which impinge on the children's safety but the family will have no control of and hence be considered a negative against the family. In order

to reflect this, the advice is the scoring needs to be in line with the criteria, but the text box should record the actions parents may have taken to try and resolve the issue/s.

8. **Scoring:** If you are scoring families at a 1 consistently then you may want to reflect on your judgments and review the criteria.
9. **Reviews:** In some cases an initial GCP2 profile may identify some concerns which are resolved and the case closed. The GCP2 should be reviewed with the family **between 3-6 months** after the initial tool is completed. This should review what life is like for the family after your interventions have been delivered and families have had the chance to make changes. You may want to review some domains of the profile sooner but that should not be considered as a complete review.

#### **10. Recording of GCP2 tools:**

- If you are a member of **Luton Council Social Care** or **Early Help** teams (not including Flying Start) and have lead on the completion of a GCP2 then you should use the online form in LCS or EHM as appropriate.
  - Ensure that you record your name in the relevant place.
  - Upload the scores/details on a timely basis so that reporting will include all GCP2 completed within the relevant period.
- If a GCP2 has been completed by **a partner agency** and shared with SC/EH then the worker should upload the documents into LCS/EHM as before.
- All completed GCP2 should be **shared** between agencies who are working with the family.