**Blackpool Neglect Screening Tool**

Blackpool’s neglect strategy sets out that the identification and response to neglect is the responsibility of all agencies that work with children and families. This screening tool supports practitioners’ initial identification of neglect. Questions should be answered from the perspective of the child, considering the cumulative impact of the parent/ carer’s actions, as opposed to the actions themselves. It is therefore recommended that a separate screening tool is completed for each child in a sibling group. It may be used in conjunction with other single- and multi-agency assessments to develop a more rounded picture of the child’s lived experience.

The tool is not a substitute for professional judgement and there is no predetermined response to a particular number of questions answered yes or no.

Name of Child: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Birth: Click or tap to enter a date.

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| 1. **Is there evidence that the child experiences neglect in their physical care?** | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| *Physical care includes nutrition (is the child often hungry, poorly nourished, or obese?); housing (is their housing adequate, safe and clean?); clothing (are they dressed for the weather conditions, in clean and fitting clothing?); hygiene (is the child clean?); and health (is the child taken to medical and other health related appointments as needed? where they have additional needs are these met? how is their dental health?).* | | | |

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| 1. **Is there evidence that the child experiences neglect in their safety?** | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| *Safety includes whether the child is provided with age-appropriate levels of supervision within and outside their home, online and in traffic; whether there are physical safety measures in place; and whether the child is left with suitable carers.* | | | |

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| 1. **Is there evidence that the child experiences neglect in their emotional care?** | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| *Emotional care includes whether the child’s needs are understood and responded to, whether they receive emotional reciprocity, whether they have to instigate interactions with their parent/ carer and the overall quality of relationship that they have with their parent/ carer.* | | | |

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| 1. **Is there evidence that the child experiences neglect in their developmental care?** | | | |
| Yes |  | No |  |
| *Developmental care includes whether the child can access age appropriate activities, toys and opportunities to play or socialise with other children; whether they are offered affection and praise; how their behaviour is responded to; whether they are accepted.* | | | |

If there are indications of neglect you should complete a full neglect assessment (Graded Care Profile 2) and reconsider the child’s level of need, in accordance with [*Working Well with Children and Families in Lancashire*](https://www.blackpoolsafeguarding.org.uk/assets/uploads/(CON)%20Pans%20Lancs%20support%20for%20Children%20and%20Families.pdf). Your agency’s safeguarding lead will be able to support you with this.