

7 MINUTE BRIEFING – Using the Graded Care Profile 2

7 Additional resources have been produced to support practitioners that are undertaking GCP2 assessments during the Covid 19 pandemic. The NSPCC have created an online GCP2 training course in order to enable training to continue whilst face to face training is unable to. As soon as this becomes available it will be advertised via the KSCP website and via email communication.

6 The primary aim of this tool is to assist practitioners in undertaking a comprehensive and evidence based assessment of families when neglect is known or suspected. It can be used to target interventions, monitor progress and can support the engagement of parents by identifying strengths and needs whilst understanding a parents capacity to change.

1 One of the key priorities for the KSCP is to assist all who work with children and families in assessing child neglect. The GCP2 has been the agreed multi agency primary tool for assessing neglect in Knowsley number of years now, it is a practical tool which supports practitioners in measuring the quality of care delivered to an individual child and is designed to give a representative overview of the lived experience of a child

2 The grades are based on observations and good quality evidence gathered by practitioners. The GCP2 reviews "what it is like" for the child not "why it's happening". Parental issues are taken into account during the analysis and planning stage.

5 The GCP2 tool is most effective when used at the early help and targeted early help level, practitioners should not wait until a case reaches the safeguarding level to initiate a GCP2. If a practitioner is making a safeguarding referral to childrens social care and neglect has been identified then a GCP2 should have been completed and should accompany the referral

4 There is a section which focuses on home conditions, however it is important to remember that the tool is designed to measure the quality of care in all areas where there is a concern that a child may be experiencing neglect. It is also imperative that as soon as neglect is identified as a concern at the early help level a GCP2 is initiated and the concerns identified are recorded as neglect.

3 The GCP2 separates out different areas of parenting and the needs of the child: physical, such as quality of food, clothes and health, care of safety, safety in carers presence and when carer is absent, emotional care, such as the relationship between the carer and child and developmental care, such as if a child is encouraged to learn and if they a praised for doing something good.

ACRONYMS:

KSCP Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership GCP2 Graded Care Profile 2 Link to GCP2 Information on the KSCP Website

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