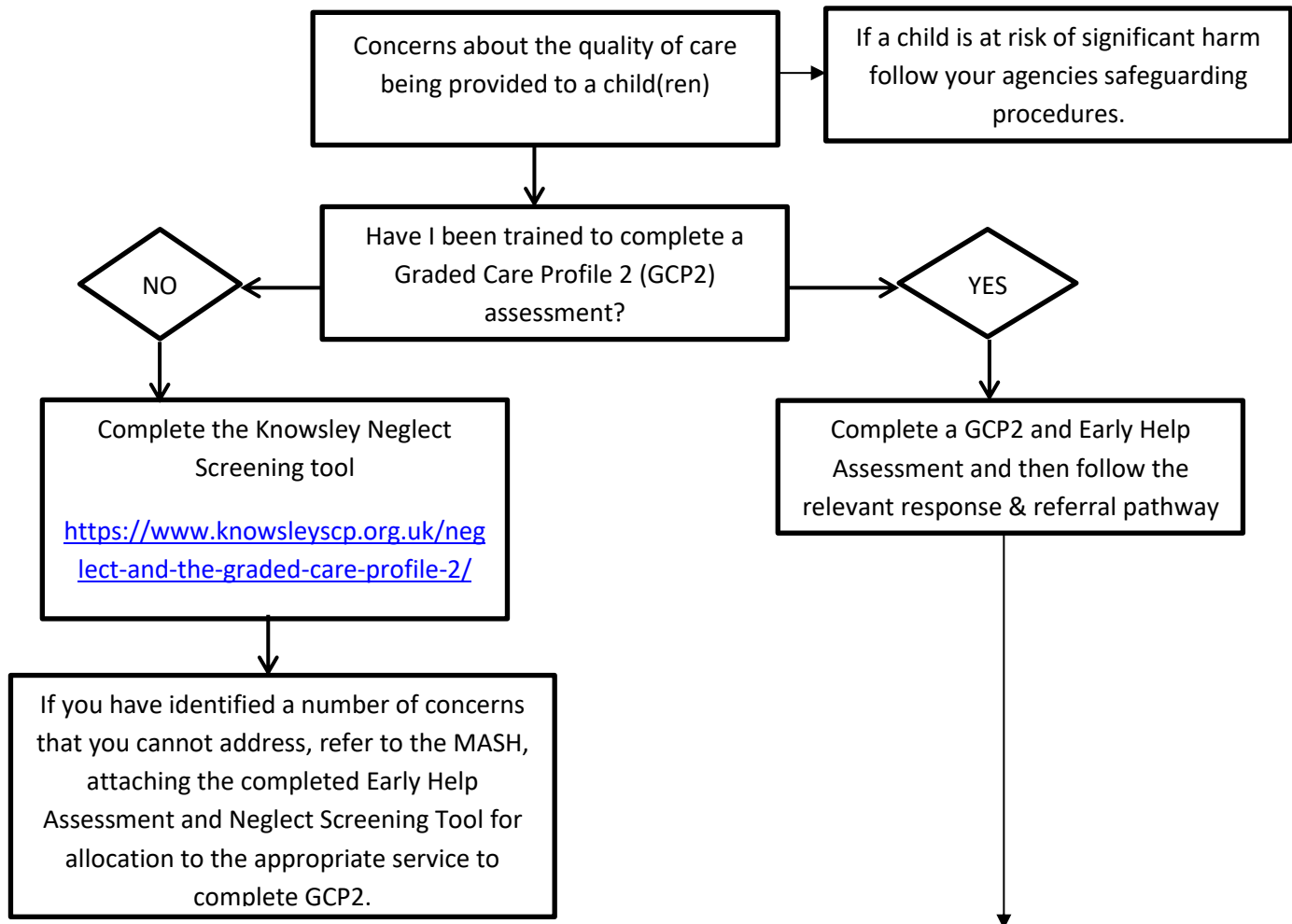




Assessing Neglect Decision Making Flowchart



GCP2	Description	Response/ Referral Pathway
1	No neglectful parenting Consistent good quality parenting where the child's needs are always paramount or a priority.	Normal universal access
2	No neglectful parenting Consistent good quality parenting where the child's needs are always paramount or a priority.	Normal universal access. Further assessment/ signposting as and when indicated.
3	Mild neglect Failure to provide care in one or two areas of basic needs, but most of the time a good quality of care is provided across the majority of the domains.	Complete an Early Help Assessment and continue to support the family via regular Team around the Family Meetings.
4	Moderate neglect Failure to provide good quality care across quite a number of the areas of the child's needs some of the time. Can occur when less intrusive measures such as community or single agency interventions have failed, or some moderate harm to the child has or is likely to occur (for example, the child is consistently inappropriately dressed for the weather — wearing shorts and sandals in the middle of winter).	If you cannot address the concerns via the Team around the Family Early Help process, or where no improvement (or decline) is evidenced then either follow the step-up process to Family First/Children's Social Care or complete a MARF. Attach your assessments as evidence of the work undertaken.
5	Severe neglect Failure to provide good quality care across most of the child's needs most of the time. Occurs when severe or long-term harm has been or is likely to be done to the child or the parents/ carers are unwilling or unable to engage in work.	Where no improvement (or decline) is evident follow the step-up process or make a referral via a MARF to the MASH requesting a service from Family First or Children's Social Care. Attach your assessments as evidence of the work undertaken. If child subject to TAF or CP/CIN plan, repeat tool for each review.