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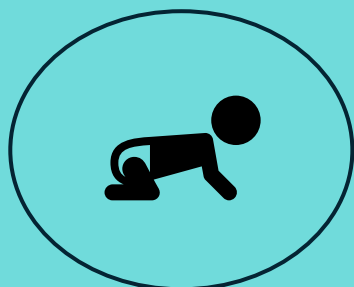
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Physical neglect



Failure to meet a child's basic physical needs.

- Poor hygiene, dirty or inappropriate clothing, persistent nappy rash
- Underweight or always hungry
- Lack of essential items such as bedding or heating

Environmental neglect



Unsafe, unhygienic, or harmful living conditions.

- Serious hoarding or clutter
- Vermin infestations, no safe food storage
- Broken or unsafe appliances

Emotional neglect



Failure to provide emotional warmth, stability, or responsiveness.

- Child withdrawn, anxious, overly compliant
- Harsh, unpredictable or unavailable parenting
- Child taking on adult roles (parentification)

Educational neglect



Failure to ensure educational needs, including SEND, are met.

- Lack of support for child's attendance at their registered school
- Inadequate, inappropriate or unstimulating home education provision
- Lack of support for child's educational progress or SEND provision

Medical neglect



Failure to seek medical treatment or follow advice.

- Missed medical appointments
- Medication not collected or treatment plans not followed
- Untreated injuries or medical conditions

Supervisory neglect



Lack of supervision or exposure to unsafe situations.

- Young children left alone or with unsafe caregivers
- Inadequate sleep routines, absence of boundaries
- Adolescents frequently unsupervised late at night

Respond, Nurture, Thrive

Bolton's Multi-agency Neglect Strategy

Our Vision

In Bolton, we want every child to have the best possible start in life, safe, supported, and able to thrive.

We will prevent and reduce neglect through early, coordinated, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive support.



Our Shared Commitment



- Embed the strategic principles across organisations with full involvement of system leaders.
- Mobilise Bolton's shared definition of neglect, common tools, and pathways.
- Prioritise early identification and family help: Embedding a trauma-informed approach.

What Success Looks Like



Fewer children require Child Protection Plans for neglect.

- More families receive help earlier, reducing escalation.
- Practitioners feel confident, skilled, and supported; Children and families feel heard, respected, and safer.

Governance & Accountability



Delegated Safeguarding Partners

Strategic Oversight
& 6-Monthly Reviews



Safeguarding Effectiveness Group

Monitor Progress &
Drive Improvement



Independent Scrutineer

Robust Challenge &
Annual Review