**NEGLECT SCREENING TOOL**

This tool is designed to enable a practitioner to gather information about a child or an unborn child’s lived experiences.

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| **ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT………….?** | **YES** | **NO** | **MAYBE** | **EVIDENCE/REASONING** |
| A child’s weight (under or overweight)? |  |  |  |  |
| A child’s access to an adequate balanced diet? |  |  |  |  |
| Conditions in the home (cleanliness, clutter, disrepair, overcrowding)? |  |  |  |  |
| A child’s sleeping arrangements? |  |  |  |  |
| A lack of age appropriate safety measures (Safety gates, fire guard)? |  |  |  |  |
| Inappropriate care of pets (waste, feeding/ lack of exercise)? |  |  |  |  |
| A child not having appropriate clothing for weather conditions? |  |  |  |  |
| A child not having clean or adequate clothing (size, condition)? |  |  |  |  |
| A child’s appearance (cleanliness, lack of hair brushing, untreated head lice or teeth brushing)? |  |  |  |  |
| Whether a parent is seeking medical advice appropriately? |  |  |  |  |
| Whether a child lacks confidence or has low self-esteem? |  |  |  |  |
| A lack of warmth and interaction between parent and child? |  |  |  |  |
| A child seeking inappropriate physical comfort from a stranger/professional? |  |  |  |  |
| A lack of appropriate stimulation or play? |  |  |  |  |
| A parent who is not interested in their child’s learning/ not engaged with nursery or school? |  |  |  |  |
| Inappropriate responsiveness (frequent criticism, lack of interest in the child’s achievements/needs)? |  |  |  |  |
| A lack of routines and boundaries in place? |  |  |  |  |

Following completion of the screening tool it is envisaged that the practitioner will identify work to be undertaken to address the concerns under Early Help with a clear plan to support parental change.

Practitioners can utilise other tools (see safeguarding board website) to assist in gathering the child’s views as well as understand the impact of the issues arising.

Following a period of review with no changes and further concerns (3-6 months), a discussion should be had with your line manager regards reviewing the appropriate level of intervention required for the child.