

# Recognising and Responding to Neglect



- **Neglect** is the persistent failure to meet a child's needs. It is not a one off event but is rather an accumulation of issues over time
- **It** is the most common reason for a referral into children's services and is a recognised Adverse Childhood Experience
- **Neglect** is not as objective as other types of abuse and relies on professional assessment
- **There** are many causes including poor parental physical and mental health, domestic abuse, substance and alcohol misuse. Neglect is also often inter-generational
- **Be** aware of concerns, listen to the voices of the child and family, ensure the home is visited and complete a Graded Care Profile 2 to inform your assessment and plan
- **Complete** a Neglect assessment toolkit to inform your assessment and Care and Support Plan