

NEGLECT PATHWAY – COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL ASSESSMENT

What is Neglect ?

Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development.

What is a comprehensive Medical Assessment?

A comprehensive medical assessment for neglect can be arranged and planned within localities when all relevant information has been collated. This can be achieved in one of 4 ways:-

- 1.** Through an IRD – This would include extreme cases of neglect that require urgent discussion with the Child Protection Paediatricians.
- 2** Through a CPCC- A child is on the CP register and a comprehensive medical is required as part of the Child Protection plan.
- 3.** Through a Looked after child assessment- If a child is looked after either at home or away from home a comprehensive medical assessment can be requested as part of the child's Plan.
- 4.** Through a Wellbeing concern- when there is an established Team Around the Child (TAC). A comprehensive medical can be agreed as an action in the Child Plan.

See Comprehensive Medical Assessment (targeted) flowchart.

A comprehensive medical is available to all children across Grampian and through utilising existing processes GIRFEC/CP/LAC this will ensure access to this service is a relevant and proportionate response for children. A medical is not a prerequisite for neglect to be identified and supported in practice.