

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.

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.

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Neglect Concern Identified (Targeted)



GIRFEC Pathway

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/what-is-girfec>

GIRFEC GUIDANCE FOR EACH AREA:

<http://www.aberdeengettingitright.org.uk/>

<http://www.girfec-aberdeenshire.org/>

<http://www.moray.gov.uk/girfec>



1. WELLBEING

Where there is an existing Team around the Child (TAC) and there is a Social Worker allocated to the child

Arrange Comprehensive Medical Assessment as part of the Child's Plan.



Allocated member of the TAC arranges the Medical via
CP Team

RACH Secretary: 01224 551706

2. CHILD PROTECION



IRD/CPCC



Comprehensive Medical Assessment agreed as part of the IRD.

At CPCC: arranged as part of the Child's protection Plan

3. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN



Comprehensive Medical Assessment arranged by Lead Professional

Criteria for Comprehensive Medical Assessment

- Developmental Delay
- Concerns in relation to; Growth / weight / dental health / skin conditions / nutrition/ infestations
- Known Long term medical condition
- Pattern of child not being brought to medical/dental appointment
- Unmet health needs
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Practice Points

- Remember an IRD may have been called for an unrelated incident but is what is being described on the IRD Neglect? And would the child benefit from a comprehensive medical assessment as part of the IRD?
- [Consider information sharing](#)
- Inform parent carer at each stage of the process. Unless this would cause additional risk to the child. Please clearly document what you have / have not shared with the child/ parent and your rationale for this.
- For Medicals undertaken at each of these stages a qualified Social Worker is required to be present for the comprehensive medical assessment.