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Launch of the Gloucestershire Multi-Agency Neglect Strategy

The neglect of children and young people is one of the most complex areas of identification and intervention within the child safeguarding arena and the impact of neglect on children and young people's development and long-term outcomes is huge.

This strategy has been developed to ensure all partners working with children are able to recognise neglect and provide the right level of intervention at the right time, leading to improved outcomes for children, young people and families. At the heart of this strategy is the identification and engagement of families at the earliest opportunity by community based resources involved in early help, including effective assessment, planning and review processes. The strategy is available through the GSCB website, and the link has been included below.

<http://www.gscb.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=67008&p=0>

A neglect toolkit is currently being developed, which will include a range of resources and guidance to raise awareness and understanding of neglect and to help improve the recognition, assessment and response to children and young people living in neglectful situations in Gloucestershire. We will provide further updates as this piece of work progresses but in the meantime, ask that you **share this alert widely within your organisations.**