**Central Bedfordshire Implementation of the GCP2 tool for assessment of Neglect**

**March 2019**

The LSCB have collected evidence from the practitioner workshops and the audits of GCP2 on how the GCP2 tool is being used. Based on that we would want to emphasise the following:

1. **Neglect** – **a GCP2 must be completed** for all new cases where neglect is an issue.
2. **Newly trained GCP2 practitioner**: From Feb 2019 onwards, anyone undertaking the licenced training will be **expected to have undertaken a GCP2 profile with a family within 3 months.** Your department may also be charged for the cost of training if you have not used the GCP2 in that timeframe.
3. **Lead professional:** AGCP2 should in most cases be undertaken by 2 practitioners. Practitioners should agree that one should be nominally the lead and this would in most cases be the one with the most contact or better relationship with the family.
4. **Taking your time:**  Completing/ reviewing a profile with the family does take time. The evidence from practice suggests it’s important to take that time as it enables families to have a clear understanding of the issues and the actions they need to take. **However GCP2 visits to complete a single tool should all take place within a maximum of a six week period**.
5. **A GCP2 on the family or the child?**  We expect one profile per child. Whilst there may be similarities in the care of all the children, it is important to identify if there is differentiation in the care of each child and this should be captured by undertaking one profile per child.
6. **Involving adult members in the household**: A GCP2 needs to consider anyone living in the property and not just the carers / adults with parental responsibilities. In order to do so practitioners need to discuss with all of the adults what the GCP2 is about and what it assesses.
7. **Scoring** : If you are scoring families at a 1 consistently then you may want to reflect on your judgments and review the criteria and seek further management guidance.
8. **Reviews**: In some cases an initial GCP2 profile may identify some concerns which are resolved and the case closed. The GCP2 should be reviewed with the family **between 3-6 months** after the initial tool is completed. This should review what life is like for the family after your interventions have been delivered and families have had the chance to make changes. You may want to review some domains of the profile sooner but that should not be considered as a complete review.
9. **Recording of GCP2 tools:**

* All completed GCP2 should be **shared** between agencies who are working with the family.
* Any GCP2’s completed by children’s social care, then the completion of a GCP2 should be recorded (and saved on the child’s mosaic database record). The date of the GCP2 completion should be recorded under the ‘Registrations’ tab as this data is collated from the performance team.