

**Antenatal Neglect Screening Tool**

This Screening Tool should be used where concerns have been identified in the antenatal period and will aid practitioners in deciding whether a Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) tool or other assessment should be completed. The screening tool will not definitively predict abuse or neglect and should be used alongside other assessments and professional judgement. The tool is intended for practitioners working with expectant parents to help identify risk factors for neglect and target families who may need additional support.

**If you have 3 or more ‘Yes’ answers, completion of the GCP2 is recommended to understand the lived experience of a child you are worried about.**

If you are not trained to carry out the full assessment using the GCP2, you should contact the relevant person or team within your organisation who can complete this. If you feel your concerns for the child warrant a multi-agency response, you should submit a Family Connect or Request for Support form stating why you believe the child, young person or family would benefit from an assessment including the GCP2 and use this screening tool as evidence.

*This screening tool does not replace Birmingham’s and/or your own agency’s safeguarding policy and procedures in cases where you are concerned that a child has suffered, or is at risk of, immediate and/or significant harm. All agencies should refer to* [*Right Help, Right Time*](https://www.lscpbirmingham.org.uk/delivering-effective-support) *for threshold guidance.*

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| **Parent(s) name(s)** |  |
| **Baby’s EDD** |  |
| **Is there open Early Help or statutory intervention for this family? Yes/No** |  |
| **Practitioner completing form** |  |
| **Agency** |  |

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|  | **Are You Worried About?** | **Yes** | **No** | **Comments / Evidence** |
| 1 | The baby’s mother booking late in pregnancy or missing antenatal appointments  |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 2 | Conditions in the home (are they unhygienic/cluttered/ overcrowded/lacking basic amenities?) |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 3 | A lack of adequate preparations made for the baby  |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 4 | A lack of understanding of the baby’s future needs (physical/emotional/ developmental) and/or unwillingness to learn or take on advice  |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 5 | A lack of emotional warmth/negativity towards unborn baby  |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 6 | Parents’ presentation (eg poor hygiene, unkempt appearance, unclean clothing) |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 7 | Significant financial issues or homelessness  |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 8 | Lack of support network (particularly for very young parents, children with additional needs, or families with large number of children) |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 9 | Parental mental health difficulties |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 10 | Parental drug and/or alcohol use |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 11 | Parental learning disability |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 12 | Domestic abuse in household |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 13 | History of abuse or neglect with previous children or in parents’ own childhood |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
| 14 | Any other concerns around neglect? Please specify |[ ] [ ]  Click here to enter text. |
|  | Total (add number in each column)  |  |  |  |