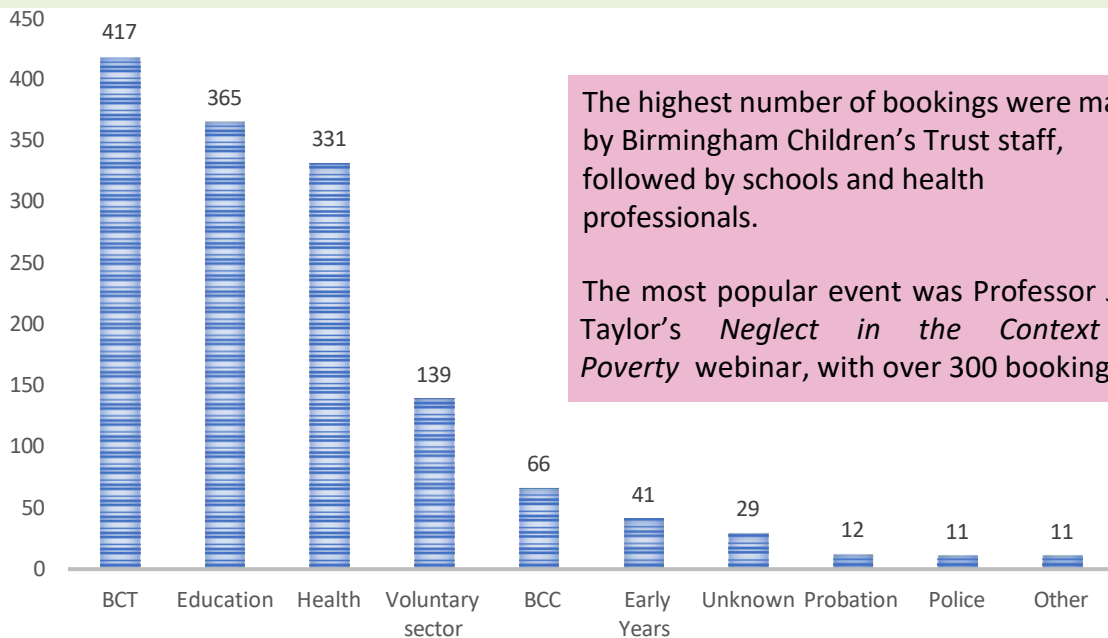


Background:

Since the BSCP Practitioner Conference in 2022 [Working Together to Stop Child Neglect in Birmingham](#), practitioners have requested more workshops and learning events looking at neglect. Multi-agency audits have also identified areas where practitioners may benefit from additional training or guidance around neglect, such as the impact of parental mental health and understanding the relationship between poverty and neglect.

A week of neglect-themed learning was held from 22-26 April 2024 with several different agencies contributing by facilitating webinars and workshops. The majority of these were online and lasted just one hour to enable as many people as possible to participate.

An [Introduction to Neglect e-learning](#) module was also launched to further widen access to training. This links to the Birmingham [Neglect Strategy](#), [Neglect Toolkit](#) and [GCP2 Training](#).



The highest number of bookings were made by Birmingham Children's Trust staff, followed by schools and health professionals.

The most popular event was Professor Julie Taylor's *Neglect in the Context of Poverty* webinar, with over 300 bookings.

After the event 142 practitioners completed a feedback form. These were some common themes from their answers. We asked...

What will you take away from the session?

- "Being poverty aware when working with families"
- "Understanding the impact of childhood neglect later in life"
- "The need for early intervention"
- "Use professional curiosity and be persistent"
- "Be the child's voice"

How can we improve future events?

- "Longer sessions to go into more detail about the subject"
- "More case studies"
- "More face-to-face events"
- "More time for discussion and Q&A"
- "Repeat or record the sessions so we can access more of them."

Any other comments?

- "Excellent, well-presented session"
- "Insightful and informative"
- "One of the best training sessions this year – keep it up!"
- "Really enjoyable and interactive"
- "Great week of learning"
- "Please can we have more events like this?"