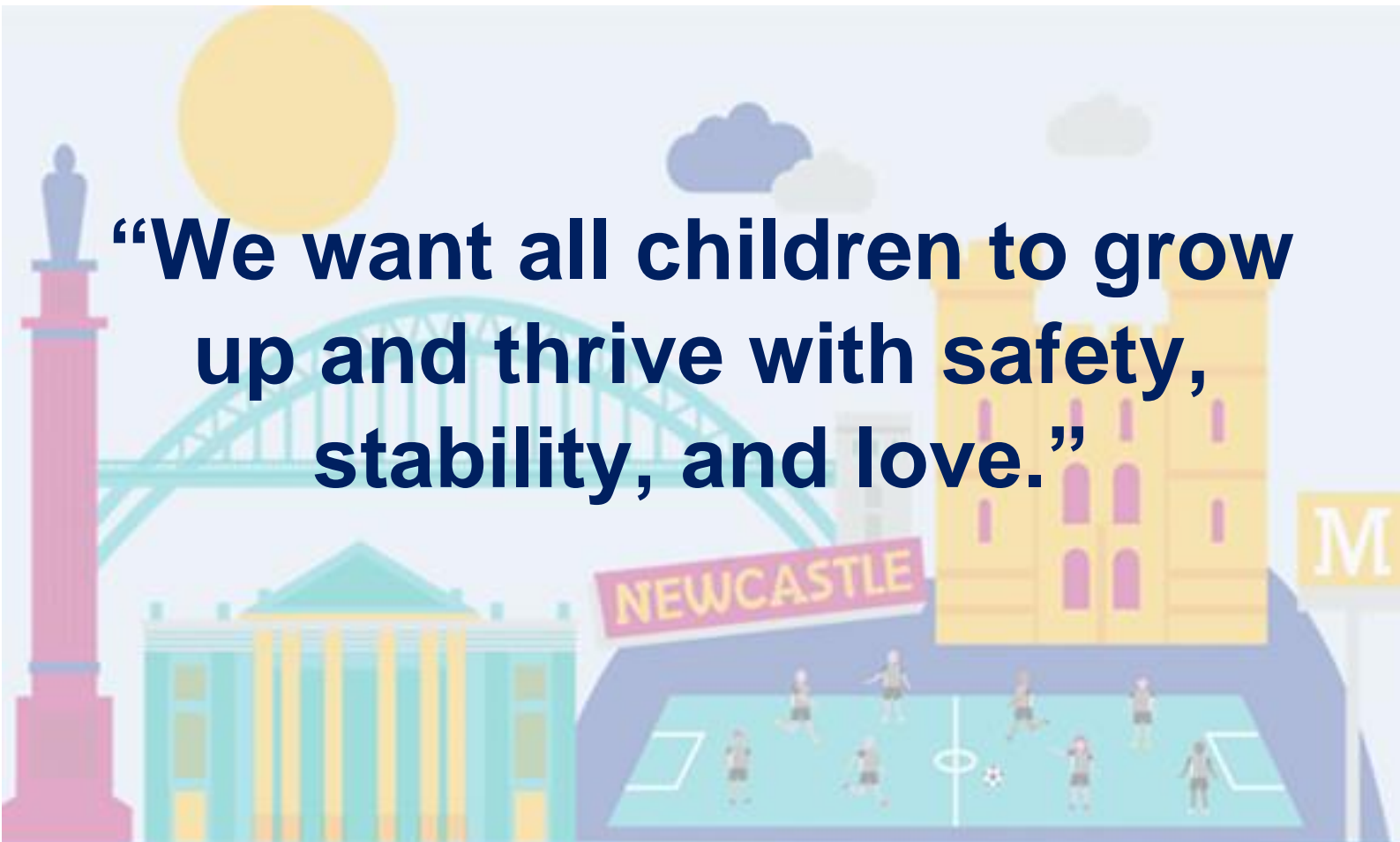


## Multi Agency Neglect Screening Tool:

We know that being a parent/carer can be challenging whether you're a first-time or an experienced parent. Providing care and support to your children and making sure their physical and emotional needs are met is a key part of parenting. When children do not have their needs met it can lead to physical, emotional and health problems. This screening tool has been designed to explore different aspects of care and support that we know has the most impact on babies, children, and young people. Together, we will look at each section and at the end of the screening tool, we will come up with a plan of action of what we can do to support you and your family. This might involve asking other services to offer support. If we are really worried about the safety of you and/or your family, this may lead to us speaking with external agencies such as Children's Social Care. Any decision will be made in partnership with you.

A colorful, stylized illustration of a Newcastle city scene. It includes the Gateshead Millennium Bridge, a large yellow sun, a pink monument, a classical building with columns, a soccer field with players, a yellow building, and a sign that says 'NEWCASTLE'.

**“We want all children to grow up and thrive with safety, stability, and love.”**

## Basic Details

### Professional Details:

Name		E-mail	
Agency		Phone	

### Family Details:

Parent	Name:  DOB:	Address	
Parent	Name:  DOB:	Address	
Children	Name:  DOB:	Name:  DOB:	Name:  DOB:

### Other Professionals Details:

Other Support Services	Name:  Contact:  Role:	Name:  Contact:  Role:	Name:  Contact:  Role:
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How your child may present: This list is not meant to blame, but to help us think about the needs of your child	There are concerns (include examples)	No Concerns
Your child feels excluded from the family		
Your child is emotionally withdrawn		
Your child seeks inappropriate comfort from strangers/professionals		
Your child is reluctant to go home		
Your child has inappropriate caring responsibilities		
Your child has been missing from home		
Your child has frequent A&E attendance and/or accidents and unexplained injuries		
Your child has low moods, anxiety or other mental health concerns		
Your child's weight is likely to cause health concerns – both over/under weight		
Your child has untreated or persistent health concerns (including headlice, nappy rash)		
Your child has poor hygiene (including dental hygiene)		
Your child is not brought to appointments		

Your child is not provided with clothes appropriate to the weather		
Your child has low school attendance		
Your child has unexplained extremes of behaviour		
Your child has taken/scavenged food or is constantly hungry		
Your child does not seek or respond to attention from their care givers		
Your child struggles with peer relationships and is socially isolated		
Your child is not meeting developmental/educational milestones		
Your child may present with signs/indicators of being exploited		

<b>What is your child's experience of care and support:</b> This list is not meant to blame, but to help us think about the needs of your child	Very Concerned	No Concerns
Your child may experience high levels of criticism or low warmth towards		
Your child may lack stimulation		
Your child is not appropriately supervised (including online, inside and outside the family home)		
Support has been declined when your child has clear unmet needs		
Drugs/alcohol are used in a way that impairs parenting capacity		
There is evidence of domestic abuse (regardless of whether your child is present or not)		
Mental ill-health is impairing parenting capacity		
Your child is not registered child with a GP		
Your child has not had appropriate immunisations		
There are a lack of boundaries appropriate to age and stage of development of your child		
Though it appears that support has been engaged with, it has not brought about any changes		

Your child has been left with inappropriate/unsafe people		
There are unrealistic/age-inappropriate expectations of your child		
Your child's concerns are not acknowledged or no attempt is made to address them		
Your child has not been received medical attention in a timely fashion		
The whereabouts of your child are not known and they are not reported missing in a timely way		
Your child has been left alone when it is not safe to do so		

**Home conditions can also be indicators of neglect. If you have concerns regarding these please complete the Home Environment Assessment Tool.**

**Please use these three sections to analyse and explore the information recorded above. Try and describe the impact/effects on the child. Think about the age and stage of development, and individual needs of the child (including learning and physical disabilities/difficulties). How might these circumstances make them feel? How might they affect their development and safety? Is this a safeguarding concern? Are they unlikely to achieve or maintain a reasonable level of health and development without the provision of services? Are they at risk of significant harm?**

**How your child may Present: Summary of strengths and concerns (including your views, the views of your child and professionals)**

<b>Strengths:</b>	<b>Concerns:</b>	<b>Views of the Child (including non-verbal cues):</b>
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**What is your child's experience of care and support: Summary of strengths and concerns (including your views, the views of your child and professionals)**

Strengths:	Concerns:	Views of the Child (including non-verbal cues:

**Are there concerns you need support to address? If there is not an Early Help Assessment and Plan in place, could this address the identified concerns? See below for more information about Early Help.**





**Looking at the information above, is the impact of neglect likely to impact development of your child? If so, is a referral to Children's Social Care may be required? Please use the Thresholds Document to support your decision (see below)**

**Looking at the information above, is your child at risk of significant harm? If so, please make a referral to Children's Social Care (see below)**



The Multi-Agency Threshold Document can be accessed here:

<https://proceduresonline.com/trixcms1/media/13297/18-multi-agency-thresholds-guidance-newcastle-2023.pdf>

This can help support to identify when a child may need additional support to achieve their full potential. It introduces a Continuum of Help and Support Framework, provides information on the levels of need and gives indicators of when a child or young person may need additional support.

Information about what support can be accessed via Early Help can be accessed here:

<https://www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk/early-help-practitioner-support-and-resources/>

Referrals to Children's Services can be made via this link:

<https://www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk/report-a-concern/>