

*It's hard to effect change and work with issues of neglect within this family because sometimes parenting is 'good enough' and sometimes it isn't...*

Try the following:

- Review the case with your manager/named safeguarding lead. Consider the case in relation to the criteria in the Neglect Thresholds Chart and establish whether there is a need for any additional support, such as an Early Help Assessment.
- Share chronologies between agencies who are working with the child/family.
- Use this to review the multi-agency plan if there is one in place already.
- Establish whether there is any pattern to decline or triggers that can be identified.
- Consider the likely long-term outcome for the children without change and the impact of this. Use this to inform the plan (if in place) or discussions with the family.
- Be clear about the outcomes sought.
- Be clear on timescales for improvements.
- Be mindful that children with disabilities and/or additional needs, and their families, are likely to require additional support.

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