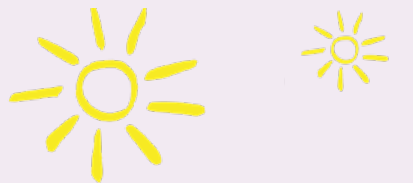




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# Emotional Neglect



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## Child neglect: know the signs - emotional neglect

Tackling child neglect is a key priority for us all in Rochdale. Child neglect comes in many different forms and is one of the main reasons for a child being on a child protection plan in the borough. The effect of neglect on children and young people is devastating.

### What is neglect?

Child neglect occurs when parents or carers fail to meet the basic needs of a child or young person. Neglect can be deliberate or unintentional and there are different reasons why it might occur. There are four main types of neglect: physical, educational, emotional and medical neglect. If a child or young person suffers from one form of neglect there is a higher chance of them experiencing another form of neglect too.



### What is emotional neglect?

Emotional neglect is when the child's emotional needs are not being met. Just as children have physical needs, they also have emotional needs. Emotional neglect is categorised as a child failing to receive the nurture and stimulation they need. This might come in the form of ignoring, humiliating, or isolating. An example of emotional neglect is failing to provide the child with human interaction.

### What are the warning signs of emotional neglect?

Emotional neglect can be difficult to identify and many times only those who are in regular contact with the child will note emotional neglect taking place, as one of the key signs is a change in the child's behaviour, which could include:-

- *Becoming aggressive*
- *Being withdrawn, depressed or anxious*
- *Changes in eating habits*
- *Displaying obsessive behaviour*
- *Finding it hard to concentrate or take part in activities*
- *Showing signs of self-harm*
- *Using drugs or alcohol*



### Where should I report my concerns?

If you have any concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, or is at risk of harm, call Rochdale Borough Council's children's social care on 0300 303 0440. If someone is in immediate danger contact the Police on 999.

**Don't ignore it, report it. Safeguarding is everyone's business.**

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