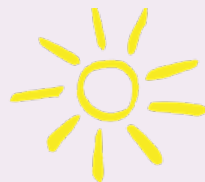




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Physical Neglect



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Child neglect: know the signs - physical 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 physical neglect?

Physical neglect is when a child or young person's basic needs, such as food, clothing or shelter, are not met or they are not properly supervised or kept safe.

What are the warning signs of physical neglect?

- *Unwashed clothes*
- *Being dirty or smelly*
- *Poor appearance and hygiene*
- *Being hungry or not having money for food*
- *Stealing food from other children or asking for more snacks*
- *Wearing the wrong type of clothing for the weather, such as no warm clothes in winter*
- *Untreated and frequent nappy rashes in a young child or baby*



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 team 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.

For further information about safeguarding children and young people and local help and support available visit: rochdalesafeguarding.com