



NEGLECT

Reflections from Aberdeenshire
Initial Case Reviews

- Presentations in September 2018 from
Consultant Paediatrician Dr Marianne Cochrane
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- Today, specific case examples from Moray and
Aberdeen Child Protection Committees
- Aberdeenshire have undertaken Initial Case Reviews
where cumulative neglect has been evident

Getting it Right for Every Child



Child Protection Register and plan statistics for all UK nations for 2017

31 March 2017 (or 31 July 2017 in Scotland)

27,856 children in the UK on child protection registers or the subject of child protection plans under a category that included neglect

- Scotland: 951
- England: 24,590
- Northern Ireland: 1,045
- Wales: 1,270



This equates to 48% of all the children on child protection registers or the subject of child protection Plans

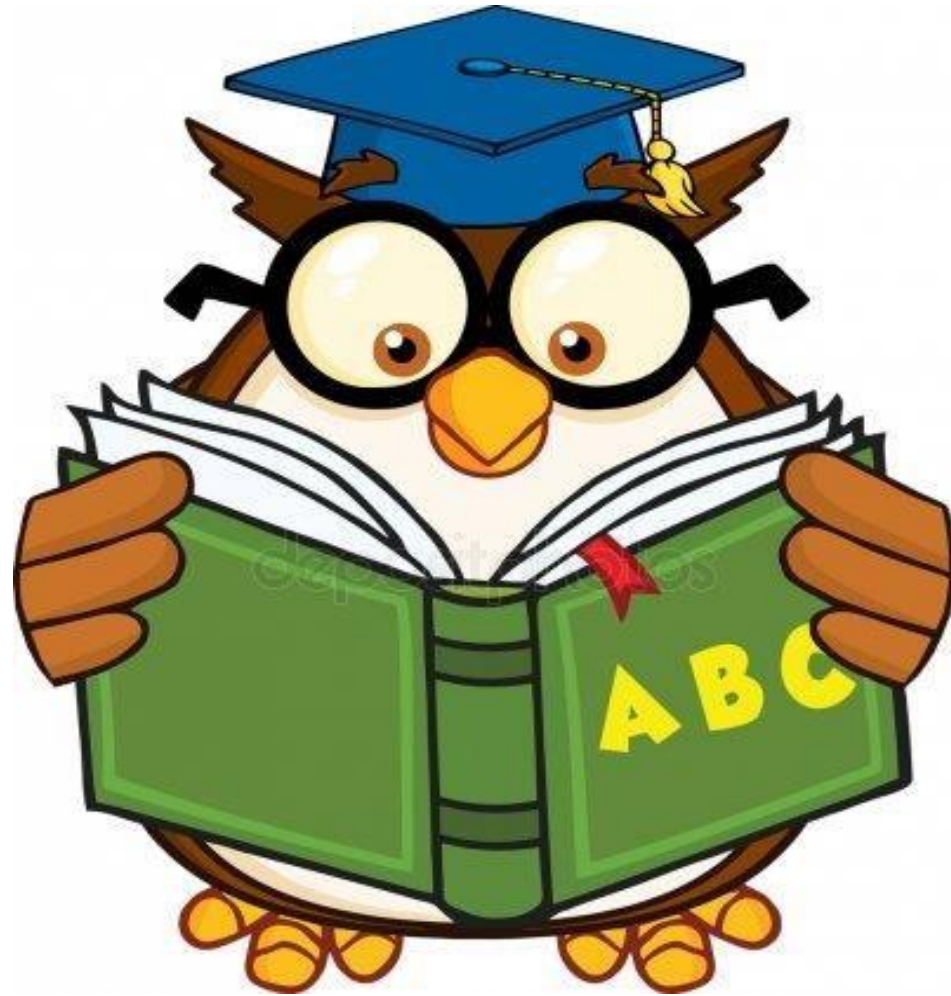
National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2014



Describes Neglect as

The persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development.

Hindsight



Showing your workings out....

- Each episode of abuse and/or neglect may not be deemed to be significantly detrimental. However when considered cumulatively, the unremitting daily impact on the child can be profound and exponential, covering all dimensions of a child's life; developmental, social, psychological, relational and educational.
- Practitioners need to be alert to the possibility of multiple adverse circumstances and events, and to consider, not just the current information, but the past history of the child that may be indicative of cumulative harm.
- The cumulative effect of 'minor' harm over time can be just as, or more detrimental, than a single major event of harm.

Why is practice around neglect challenging?



Keeping Children Safe

- Listening to Children
- Early Intervention
- Focused on supporting the parent
- Family moving and services starting again
- Understanding the Child's World
- Professional Challenge

A final message

Be curious...



**HOW MANY
HOLES DOES
THE T-SHIRT
HAVE?**

IT'S NOT 2.