



# **Policy Statement**

## **Reducing the harm from Neglect**

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“Children have the right to live free from Neglect”

## **North Lincolnshire will:**

- Equip children and parents to expect to have and enjoy healthy/positive attachments and increase parenting capacity
- Identify and work to minimise harm to children who live in households where there is neglect
- Offer early help and work with children and families where neglect is identified to reduce risk, enable children to live free from neglect and to support parents in making and sustaining change
- Respect the right to family life and individuals and in doing so expects those whose behaviours neglect/harm their children to change their behaviour and reduce harm so families can stay together
- Work with the family holistically taking account of substance and alcohol misuse, mental health and learning disabilities/difficulties and physical disabilities to help reduce neglect/harm to their children
- Support the whole family and within this children will be supported to express their wishes and feelings and decisions will be made to support their long term health and development
- Identify in a timely way when children need to be placed in a safer environment and support the emotional wellbeing of children and parents through the process
- Provide support for children and parents/carers around positive attachments when neglect has had a significant impact
- Equip our staff to understand and work to reduce neglect using strengths of families and within the community
- Maintain effective and challenging multi-agency oversight of how well children are protected who have been neglected