

# North East Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board. Multi-Agency Practice Audit – Thematic Audit – Neglect (2016)

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*Relationships matter, where practitioners are successful in building honest and open relationships with children and families this leads to better outcomes for the child.*

## **What Happened?**

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The themed audit challenge event reviewed four cases where the child had experienced Neglect. Each case had a time for discussion. Auditors, along with practitioners and managers involved with the case came together to consider the audit responses. The challenge event was used to begin to analyse audit findings and propose actions to improve outcomes for children and families across the Child Concern Model.

## **What Did The Audit Tell Us?**

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The audit showed good multi-agency working and effective communication in all of the cases.

There was clear evidence of Signs of Safety being used across the Child Concern Model.

Practitioners worked closely with families to hold Family Network Meetings and formulate a Safety Plan.

There were good examples of practitioners working in innovative ways to meet the needs of children

Practitioners worked hard to engage children and listen to their voices, especially when the child had communication difficulties.

The children in the audit were not always visible to services, practitioners made good efforts to work together to check things out.

Where resistant parenting was a factor, this made it difficult for practitioners to gather the information they needed to help move the cases on.

For one of the children, delays in the statementing process had a negative impact on them and placed even more pressure on the family.

## **What Can We Do?**

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1. Use the Neglect Self-Assessment as soon as you suspect the child is suffering from Neglect
2. Make sure all family members are involved in family network meetings and the resulting family plans.
3. Be aware of resistant and avoidant parenting and how this affects your practice