Recognising Neglect in Children

Some possible signs may include the following:

**SPOTTING NEGLECT #1**
Young people may take risks, such as running away from home, breaking the law, or getting involved in dangerous relationships.

**SPOTTING NEGLECT #2**
Children who have been neglected are more likely to experience mental health problems, including depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

**WHO CAN HELP?**

In an emergency always dial 999.

If you are worried about the safety of a child or young person contact:

- **Southampton MASH** on 023 8083 3336 (Out of hours 023 8023 3344)
- **Hampshire MASH** - 0300 555 1384 (Out of hours 0300 555 1373)
- **Isle of Wight MASH** - 0300 300 0117 (Same number out of hours)
- **Portsmouth MASH** - 023 9268 8793 (Out of hours 0300 555 1373)

**SPOTTING NEGLECT #3**
Children may be living in an unsuitable home environment, for example dog mess being left or not having any heating.

**SPOTTING NEGLECT #4**
Children who are neglected may have poor appearance and hygiene. They may seem hungry or turn up to school without having breakfast or any lunch money.

**Useful Links**

- 4LSCB Neglect Procedure
- Missed Opportunities; Indicators of Neglect Report - Dept of Education
- NSPCC Child Neglect guide

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