**Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) – Frequently asked questions**

**Question**

What are the licence rules around GCP2?

**Answer**

Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB), Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) and children workforce must comply with the following conditions:

* All agencies, professionals or organisations affiliated or working with SSCB and SSCP can only deliver GCP2 to service users within the geographical boundaries of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.
* All GCP2 Training must be delivered by SSCB and SSCP trainers.
* GCP2 cannot be amended or changed in any way but the materials can be adapted for local need.
* Materials shall be made available via secure intranet links only and shall not be published on any external-facing websites.
* SSCB/SSCP is licenced to use GCP2.  Upon completion and passing of the assessment, trainers will be licenced by the NSPCC to train onwards.  Only licenced trainers can deliver onwards training.
* The toolkit, card deck and associated documentation cannot be shared or distributed to anyone who is not trained and licensed.
* GCP2 cannot be delivered or used by anyone who is not trained and licensed.

For more information, please contact your GCP2 champions, found on SSCB website [www.staffscb.org.uk](https://www.staffsscb.org.uk/working-together-to-safeguard-children/graded-care-profile-2/)

**Question**

Who is eligible for the GCP2 Masterclass training?

**Answer**

GCP2 Masterclass training is available to all multi-agency front line practitioners in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent who work directly with children and families in their home environment or work in conjunction with practitioners who work with children and families in their home environment and can contribute to the assessment as part of their role. Training is also available within individual agencies.

**Question**

Is there a charge for GCP2 Masterclass training?

**Answer**

The Board are committed to identifying and reducing neglect in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent and as such are offering this training free to all partners.

**Question**

Can I use GCP2 before I do my training?

**Answer**

No, GCP2 is licenced to SSCB/SSCP and trained multi-agency practitioners who work with families and children in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire and only available once training has been completed.

**Question**

Who delivers GCP2 training and where can I book?

**Answer**

GCP2 Masterclass training is available from the Board, booking is available at the Learning Zone on the Boards website [here](https://training.ssscb.org.uk/).

We currently have 31 trained champions who deliver the training across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. For a full list of champions and their contact details visit [here.](https://www.staffsscb.org.uk/working-together-to-safeguard-children/graded-care-profile-2/)

**Question**

Where can I find out more information about GCP2?

**Answer**

Please visit the Board website for more information <https://bit.ly/2IOBHW1>

The NSPCC also have some great information and case study examples [here](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services-children-families/deliver-nspcc-services)

**Question**

Do I use GCP2 instead of the Outcome Star?

**Answer**

No, GCP2 and the Outcome Star have different purposes. The Outcome Star is embedded within our Early Help provision across Staffordshire whereas GCP2 is a tool which can be used to assess neglect additionally to the Outcome Star.

**Question**

Is the scoring different on the Outcome Star and GCP2 and why?

**Answer**

This is correct, the score/scale is used in a different way for each tool. Please ensure you refer to guidance materials when utilising each approach.

**Question**

At what point in my contact do I use GCP2?

**Answer**

Where neglect is known/suspected, it is **best practice** to use GCP2 across the multi-agency partnership, including to support referrals to other agencies. Where immediate referral or immediate action is required, practitioners may not have had the opportunity to undertake the GCP2 and not having a GCP2 should not preclude a referral being made/accepted. The GCP2 supports **assessment/intervention** in known or suspected neglect backed up with ongoing and sound **professional judgement** and **multi-agency** collaboration.

**Question**

How does GCP2 fit in with the Thresholds?

**Answer**

GCP2 is a tool which should be used where neglect is known or suspected. It is a multi-agency tool for use at all levels of need and should be utilised at the earliest stage. GCP2 should be repeated regularly (e.g., 3 monthly/as agreed in supervision/multi-agencies) to monitor change in parental care given and to support ongoing interventions.

**Question**

How do I use GCP2 with the Early Help Assessment?

**Answer**

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