

...Neglect...

If a child is being neglected, it will show in many forms. The list below gives you some signs to look out for, however, these do not always mean a child is being neglected, there could be other factors involved.

- A child will be dehydrated.
- They will show with poor or improper hygiene.
- They will look unkempt – for example: overgrown fingernails and toenails; uncut, matted, or unclean hair; unshaven facial hair, body crevices caked with dirt.
- They may look malnourished or seem to be losing weight.
- A smell of urine or faeces on the person.
- Poor skin condition or skin breakdown (such as rashes, bedsores, or open wounds).
- Lack of necessary adaptive aids such as glasses, hearing aids, leg braces, walkers etc. or improper medication management.
- The need for medical and dental care (including the administration of prescribed drugs) may not be provided.

Neglect can also, at times, be seen in the home:

- Clutter, filth, or bad smell in the home.
- Improper sleeping, cooking, or bathing arrangements.
- Infestations (e.g., fleas, lice, roaches, rodents).
- Lack of adequate or appropriate supervision.
- A child may be put in danger or not protected from physical or emotional harm. They may not get the love, care and attention they need.