

Supporting and developing early responses to child neglect in health and education services in England

This NSPCC project seeks to learn more about, and find ways to increase, the capacity of universal health and education services to tackle child neglect at an early stage. Providing early support to children and parents through these services can:

- ✓ Help to prevent neglect becoming chronic and entrenched
- ✓ Help to ease the pressure on the child protection system and enable it to focus on children with the greatest need.

To reach this goal, we will be holding discussion groups with a range of health and education professionals from across England. In the groups, we will explore:

1. Health and education professionals' understandings of neglect and their role in tackling it
2. Barriers to earlier and more effective responses to neglect within these services
3. Opportunities and develop workable solutions to better enable health and education services to more effectively and directly respond to neglect at an early stage.

How you can help:

Are you an early years practitioner in a nursery or children's centre (with or without safeguarding responsibilities)?

If so, please come and share your insight!

The group will be held in March/April 2014, and will last for a morning or afternoon.

This is an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise, and to help us move towards a different approach to preventing child neglect. We know that your time is very precious and we would really appreciate your contribution. Please do get in touch if you think you might be able to take part!

- We will also be contacting you again between May and June 2014, to ask you to be part of a nationwide online survey.
- Participation in both the group discussion and the survey are entirely voluntary, but we really hope that you will choose to take part.
- If you choose to take part, anything you say will be anonymised. We will reimburse the cost of your travel to and from the group, which we expect to be held in London (or elsewhere, if another location is more accessible for the group).

If you would like to be involved in the discussion or just have some questions about the project, please email me, Dr Alice Haynes, at Alice.Haynes@nspcc.org.uk or call me on 07768 356 147.