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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05996**

Thank you for your request for information relating to assessments in cases of child abuse and neglect.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Do practitioners in your local authority assessing abuse and neglect in children have a specified range of assessment tools to select from?
Yes/No**

Yes.

**If yes, are they:
Commissioned from an external provider? Yes/No**

No.

- a. Locally adapted from an externally developed model? Yes/No**

Yes.

- b. Locally developed? Yes/No**

Yes.

- c. Other (please state)**

N/A.

2. Can you please answer the following question if your local authority commissions/uses any externally developed assessment tools for assessing abuse and neglect in children (e.g. Signs of Safety)?

a. What is the name of the assessment tool?

The Council does not have an assessment tool, but our practice framework is Signs of Safety. The framework supports practice and a range of tools are used from signs of safety suite.

b. Who is the assessment tool provider/developer?

N/A as the Council does not have an assessment tool specifically, we use the children and families assessment framework.

c. What is the annual budget for the contract/licence (if the assessment is not freely available)?

N/A.

d. How long have you used the assessment tool?

N/A.

e. When is the contract/licence end date?

N/A.

3. Can you please answer the following questions if your local authority has locally adapted any externally developed assessment tools for use by your practitioners to assess abuse and neglect?

a. What assessment tools have been adapted?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

b. Briefly describe the adaptations made to the assessment tool

Please refer to question 3a.

c. Name of the assessment tool adapted

Please refer to question 3a.

d. Brief description of the adaptation made to the assessment tool

Please refer to question 3a.

4. Can you please answer the following questions if your local authority uses any assessment tools that have been developed locally to assess abuse and neglect in children (e.g. developed in house)?

a. What is the name of the assessment tool?

Graded Care Profile and Signs of Safety is our practice framework.

b. Please provide a brief description of the assessment tool?

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you online, please use the following links:

Graded Care Profile:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services-children-families/deliver-nspcc-services/>

Signs of Safety:

<https://www.resolutionsconsultancy.com/signs-of-safety/>

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

5. Does the local authority provide training for staff to use assessment tools for abuse and neglect? Yes/No

Yes, the Council provides training to staff in assessments.

If yes, please answer the following questions:

a. Which assessment tools do staff receive training to use?

Graded Care Profile, Signs of Safety, Assessment skills and analysis.

b. What format does this training take (e.g. via an external training provider, in house, e-learning)?

In house and external provider has been provided.

c. Is refresher training available?

Yes.

d. Name of the assessment tool Format of training received Is refresher training available?

Training is wider around assessment skills rather than assessment tools.

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Yours sincerely

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