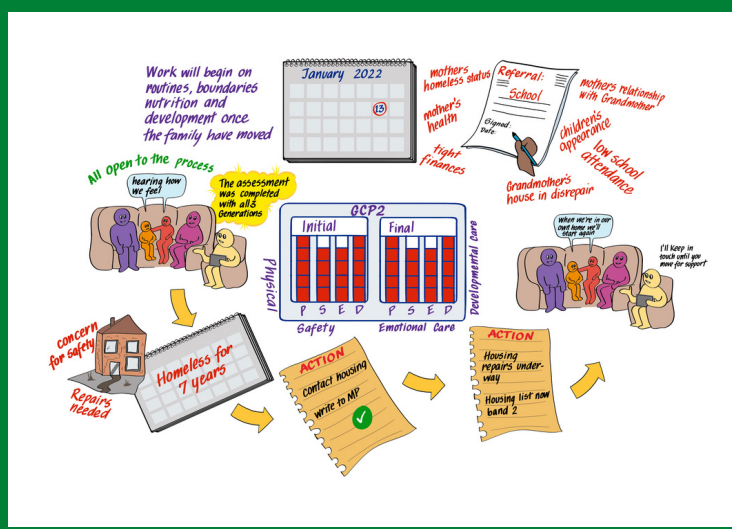


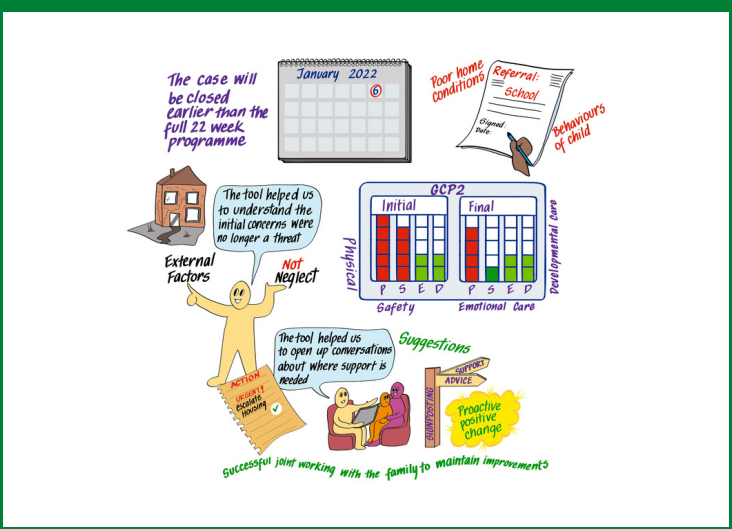
# SANDWELL CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP GCP2 TOOL WITH 6 FAMILIES

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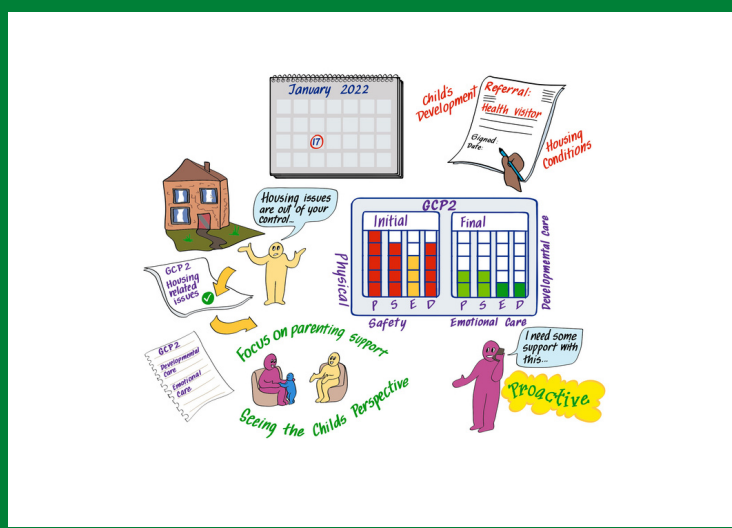
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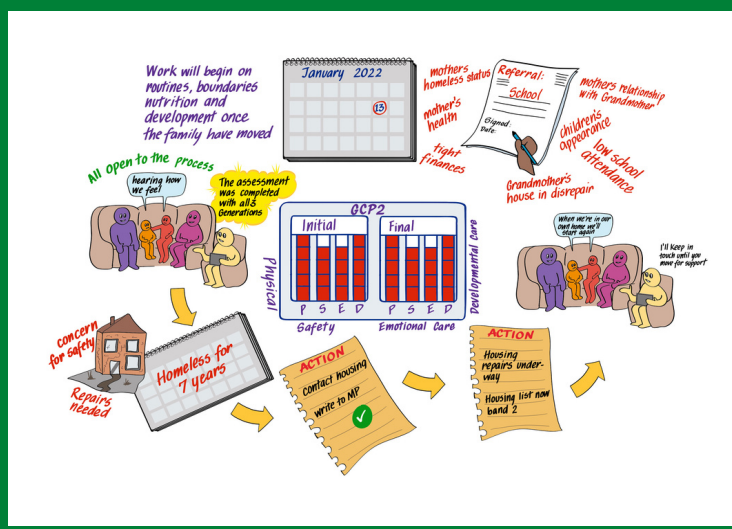
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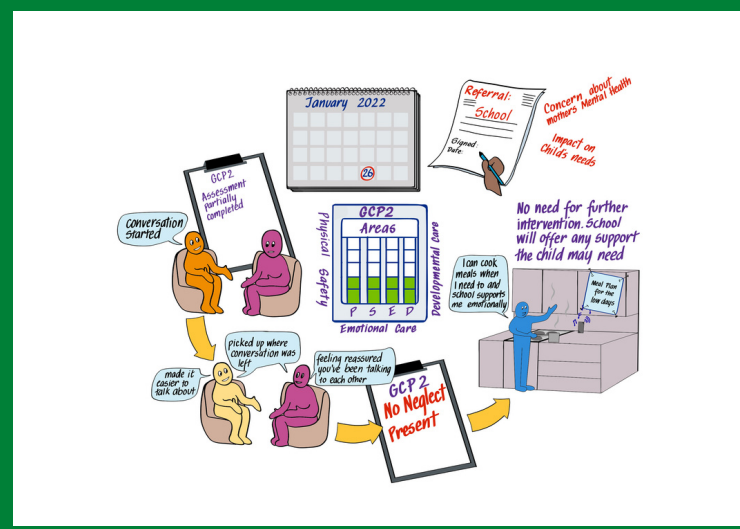
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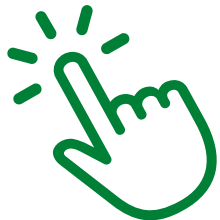
## 1. Reduced parental confusion and improved engagement between the family and the worker:

12 Jan 2022

Referral from school due to missed medical appointments, deteriorating home conditions and poor school attendance. An Early Help assessment was completed.

<u>GCP2 Area</u>	<u>Initial Scores</u>	<u>Final Scores</u>
Physical	5	2
Safety	4	3
Emotional Care	3	2
Developmental care	3	2

- Improvements seen in all areas above. Professionals commented on progress made and the impact on the children's lived experiences.
- It gives a visual display of progress being made which helps the family and professionals. It opens up conversations about how to make improvements.
- The tool was useful in breaking down areas of parenting making it clearer, less overwhelming and easier to explain/discuss. It helped us to identify where support was most needed and areas of positive parenting.
- Using the tool and parent friendly leaflet reduced potential confusion and improved engagement between the family and worker. It helps us work together towards an end goal/ outcome.
- It has helped parents understand how their actions impact on the children. It helps them see what they are doing well and where they need additional support.
- The case has been de-escalated from Early Help to single agency.



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## 2. Identified that initial concerns are no longer a threat:

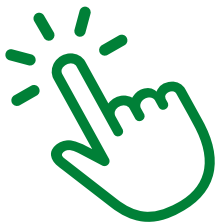
6 Jan 2022

Referral from school due to concerns of poor home conditions and behaviours of a child.

<b>GCP2 Area</b>	<b>Initial Scores</b>	<b>Final Scores</b>
Physical	5	4 (due to housing conditions that were not the family's responsibility)
Safety	4	1
Emotional Care	2	2
Developmental Care	2	2

·The tool was useful as it identified that initial concerns were no longer a threat and the areas of concern were due to external factors rather than a prevalence of neglect.

·The tool enabled us to open conversations about where support was needed. Parents took on board advice and were proactive in making changes. Relevant signposting took place and housing support actioned. Successful joint working helped maintain the improvements. The case will be closed earlier than the full 22 week programme.



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### 3. Enabled mother to focus on support with parenting:

17 January 2022

Referral from health visitor regarding the child's development and housing conditions

<u>GCP2 Area</u>	<u>Initial Scores</u>	<u>Final Scores</u>
Physical	5	2
Safety	4	2
Emotional Care	3	1
Developmental Care	4	1

- The tool was helpful as it enabled mother to focus on parenting rather than only housing support. The housing issues were big but out of the family's control.
- The tool included home conditions and showed that the family's concerns had been understood. We were able to explore other areas of parenting and seeing things from the child's perspective.
- We were able to refer back to GCP2 and refocus on support needed. This meant that mother was able to focus on the developmental needs of the children, ensuring they were stimulated. Mother was proactive and now seeks support independently.



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#### *4. Helped to highlight concerns and for parent to see that she was struggling:*

7 January 2022

- Referral from school with concerns about home conditions; a history of antisocial behaviour by father was affecting the family finding a new home. Family were open to Early Help.
- GCP2 provided a wealth of information which was relevant in how to support the family. It helped us to highlight concerns which was important as the parent was reluctant to see they were struggling.
- GCP2 helped establish and demonstrate to professionals involved in the Early Help Plan that support was no longer required from our service. The child needed support within school to meet additional needs.
- The case was closed and lead responsibility transferred to school.



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*5. Children's involvement was very beneficial as their feelings and wishes were clearly highlighted:*

13 January 2022

Referral due to homelessness following breakdown of relationship between mother and grandmother – the children remained living with grandmother. Mother suffered with COPD. Children could present as unkempt and had low school attendance, finances were tight and grandmother's house was in a state of disrepair.

<u>GCP2 Area</u>	<u>Initial Scores</u>	<u>Final Scores</u>
Physical	5	5
Safety	4	4
Emotional Care	4	4
Developmental Care	5	5

- GCP2 completed with mother, children and grandmother. They were very open to having the assessment.
- The children's involvement was very beneficial as their wishes and feeling about their current situation were clearly highlighted.
- The family on the floor in grandmother's house for 7 years. GCP2 highlighted safety concerns as the property required a large number of repairs.
- Housing were contacted and repairs completed/in the process of being completed.
- The local MP became involved and the mother's housing priority banding increased.
- It has been agreed that once the family has moved into their own home, work can begin on routines, boundaries, nutrition and development. Support will continue to be offered housing via a weekly phone call.



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6. Using the tool we were able to identify that neglect was not present:

26 January 2022

Referral made through school due to concerns about mother's mental health impacting on parenting capacity and meeting the child's needs.

<b>GCP2 Area</b>	<b>Initial Scores</b>
Physical	2
Safety	2
Emotional Care	2
Developmental Care	2

- Referrer had completed part of GCP2 already which was helpful as it meant that the conversation could be picked up from where it was left off. This reassured the parent that professionals were communicating. The worker sensed the parent's ease with this transition.
- Using GCP2 meant that we were able to identify that neglect was not present. Mother was proactive and put strategies in place so that when her mental health was low the child was able to cook pre-planned meals. School provided emotional wellbeing support.
- The family required no further support and school will continue to offer the child support as needed.



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