

GCP2 FAQs

Who can use GCP2?

Any professional who has an understanding of the child protection system and child development can use GCP2. They have to be trained and have passed the assessment in the 1-day course delivered by GCP2 trainers, who are local trainers that have been trained to train by the NSPCC.

How long is the training?

The training for trainers is 2 days. Trainers have to attend and pass the course.

How does it fit with Signs of Safety (SOS)?

GCP2 and SOS both work on the principles of strengthening families. They seek out strengths to enable staff to identify and work with the difficulties. Much of the principles are similar, but the GCP2 provides more detailed evidence around targeted areas, which supports decision making – this in turn supports the wider involvement and context that can be provided by SOS. They can co-exist and in no way clash. Signs of Safety measure safety on a scale of 1–10, where 10 is safer than 1. GCP2 measures neglect on a scale of 1–5, where 5 is more neglectful than 1. GCP2 also uses colours and definitions of neglect – mild, moderate or severe neglect – to aid understanding.

We have evidence of a number of local authorities who are using both Signs of Safety and GCP2 without issue.

How does it fit with other assessments, for example Early Help Assessments?

The GCP2 works really well alongside other assessments. It in itself does not collate information or look at the reasons for sub-optimal or neglectful parenting; however, it will tell you what the impact of the issues for that particular individual has on their ability to give good quality care.

How does GCP2 fit with thresholds?

We have reviewed the GCP2 definitions against ten local authority threshold documents and it appeared to match really well. However, it remains the responsibility to clarify for staff once assessment has been done how they should respond locally. There is guidance within the resources to aid this discussion.

How often do we have to review the licence?

The licence is in perpetuity. However, if you want more people to train practitioners in its use, you have to come back to the NSPCC for this. The NSPCC is the only organisation that can train trainers.

Do we have to pay to get more tools printed?

Each trainer receives a USB stick with the tool and associated documents on – sites are free to print as many tools as you require without further cost, apart from printing.

So what can't we do?

- If you want to train more people to deliver training, you have to come back to NSPCC for that.
- You cannot amend the case study in the training.
- Practitioners can only access the tool once they have been trained. Materials should not be available on an outward-facing website or other document sharing system.
- You cannot change anything that is a PDF.

What can we change?

- You can adapt the training slides to reflect local need, so long as the assessment remains the same.
- You can amend any of the Word documents for local use.