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Request and response:

- 1. Do practitioners in your local authority assessing abuse and neglect in children have a specified range of assessment tools to select from?**

Yes

If yes, are they:

- Commissioned from an external provider?**
No
- Locally adapted from an externally developed model?**
Yes
- Locally developed?**
No
- 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)? We have provided a table to aid in your recording the answers:**

- What is the name of the assessment tool?**
- Who is the assessment tool provider/developer?**
- What is the annual budget for the contract/licence (if the assessment is not freely available)?**
- How long have you used the assessment tool?**
- When is the contract/licence end date?**



Name of assessment tool used	Name of provider/ developer	Annual budget for the contract/ licence	How long have you been using the assessment tool?	Contract/licence end date
Signs of Safety	Signs of Safety	No annual contract or licence	Since 2012	N/A
Cornwall's Graded Care Profile	Developed from the generic graded care profile	none	Since 2017	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? We have provided a table to aid in recording the answers:

- **What assessment tools have been adapted?**
- **Briefly describe the adaptations made to the assessment tool**

Name of the assessment tool adapted	Brief description of the adaptation made to the assessment tool
Graded Care Profile	Has been adapted to reflect local processes and priorities

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)? We have provided a table to aid in recording the answers:

- **What is the name of the assessment tool?**
- **Please provide a brief description of the assessment tool**

N/A

5. Does the local authority provide training for staff to use assessment tools for abuse and neglect?

If yes, please answer the following questions:

- **Which assessment tools do staff receive training to use?**
- **What format does this training take (e.g. via an external training provider, in house, e-learning)?**
- **Is refresher training available?**

Name of the assessment tool	Format of training received	Is refresher training available?
Signs of Safety	2 day face to face training	Refresher training not available but advanced training – ‘Words and Pictures’, ‘Enhanced Practitioner sessions’, Identifying and ‘Building Local Networks’ are offered.
Graded Care Profile	1 day course Understanding Neglect: Recognition and Response 2 day course Advanced Neglect: Assessment, Planning, Intervention and Review	No

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