



# NEGLECT



# What is a Police Investigation?

An investigation is carried out to ascertain:

- Whether a crime has been committed or not; and
- If so can a suspect be identified; and
- If so can the suspect be made amenable



# Investigation Process

1. Initial Report received

2. Identify & Secure Scenes

3. Interview Victims & Witnesses

6. Interview Suspect

5. House to house, CCTV etc

4. Examination of Scenes

7. Submit Forensics

8. Prepare File

9. Submit File to PPS

# Neglect

Neglect is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, whether it be adequate food, clothing, hygiene, supervision or shelter that is likely to result in the serious impairment of a child's health or development. Children who are neglected also suffer from other types of abuse.



# Cruelty - S20 CYPA (NI) 1968

'If any person who has attained the age of sixteen  
and has responsibility

for any child or young person under that age

wilfully

**assaults, ill treats, neglects, abandons or exposes him**

or causes or procures him to be

assaulted, ill treated, neglected, abandoned or exposed

in a manner likely to cause him

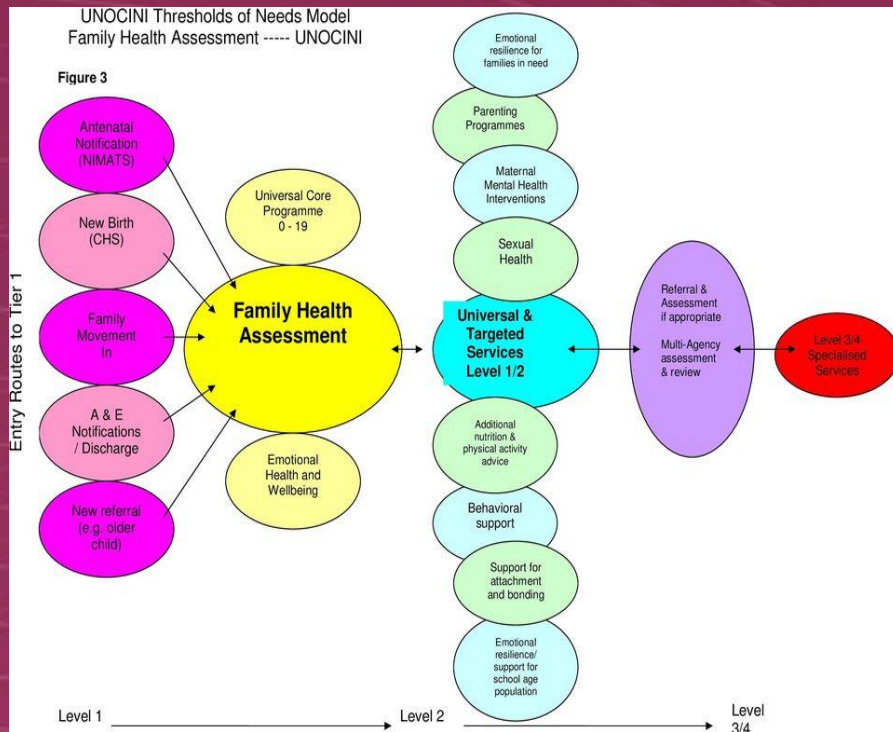
unnecessary suffering or injury to health

that person shall be guilty of an offence...'



# Examples of Evidence in Neglect Cases





# Documentary Evidence

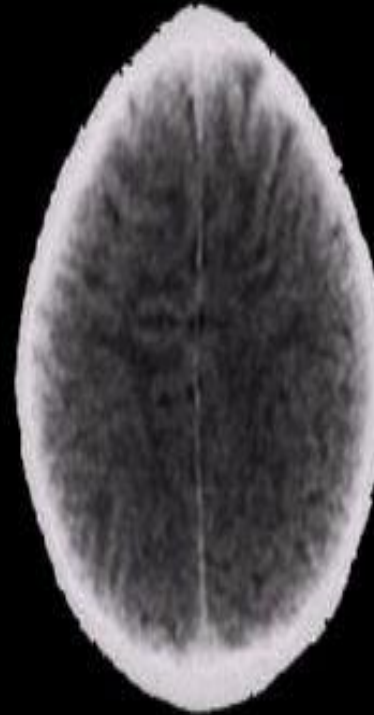
- UNOCINI's
- Case Notes
- Assessments
- GP Notes/ Records
- HV Notes/ Records
- Hospital Records
- School Records
- Photographs



# Medical Evidence of Neglect



3 Year Old Children



Normal



Extreme Neglect



# Material Attrition

Initial Crime Scene  
Material

Recovered Material

Court Material



# Public Prosecution Service

The PPS has to meet two tests before it decides to prosecute, these are:-

1. The Evidential Stage &

2. The Public Interest Stage



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