



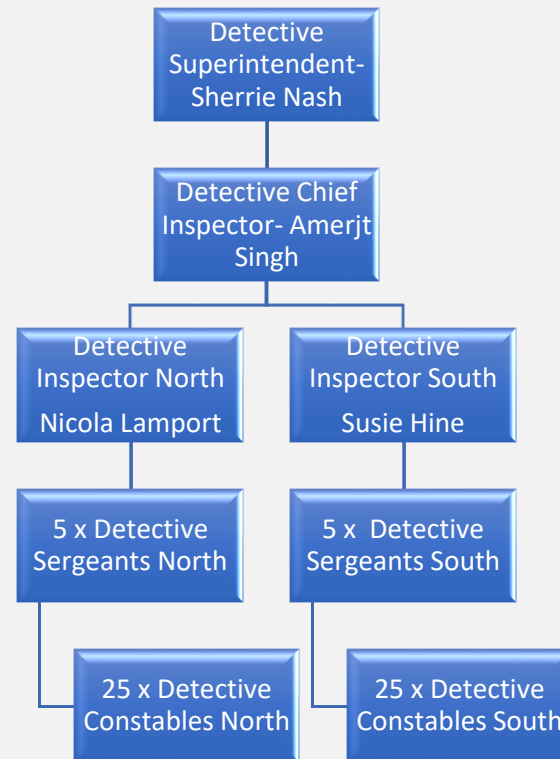
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Role of Police in Neglect Cases

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CAISU- Child Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Unit



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CAISU training

- All officers are qualified PIP2 detectives or are working towards this qualification
- Mentoring programme on joining
- SCAIDP- Specialist child abuse investigation development programme- one week course- training includes registered intermediaries, child death, initial contacts, CSA, CSE etc
- Optional Tier 3/5 interview training



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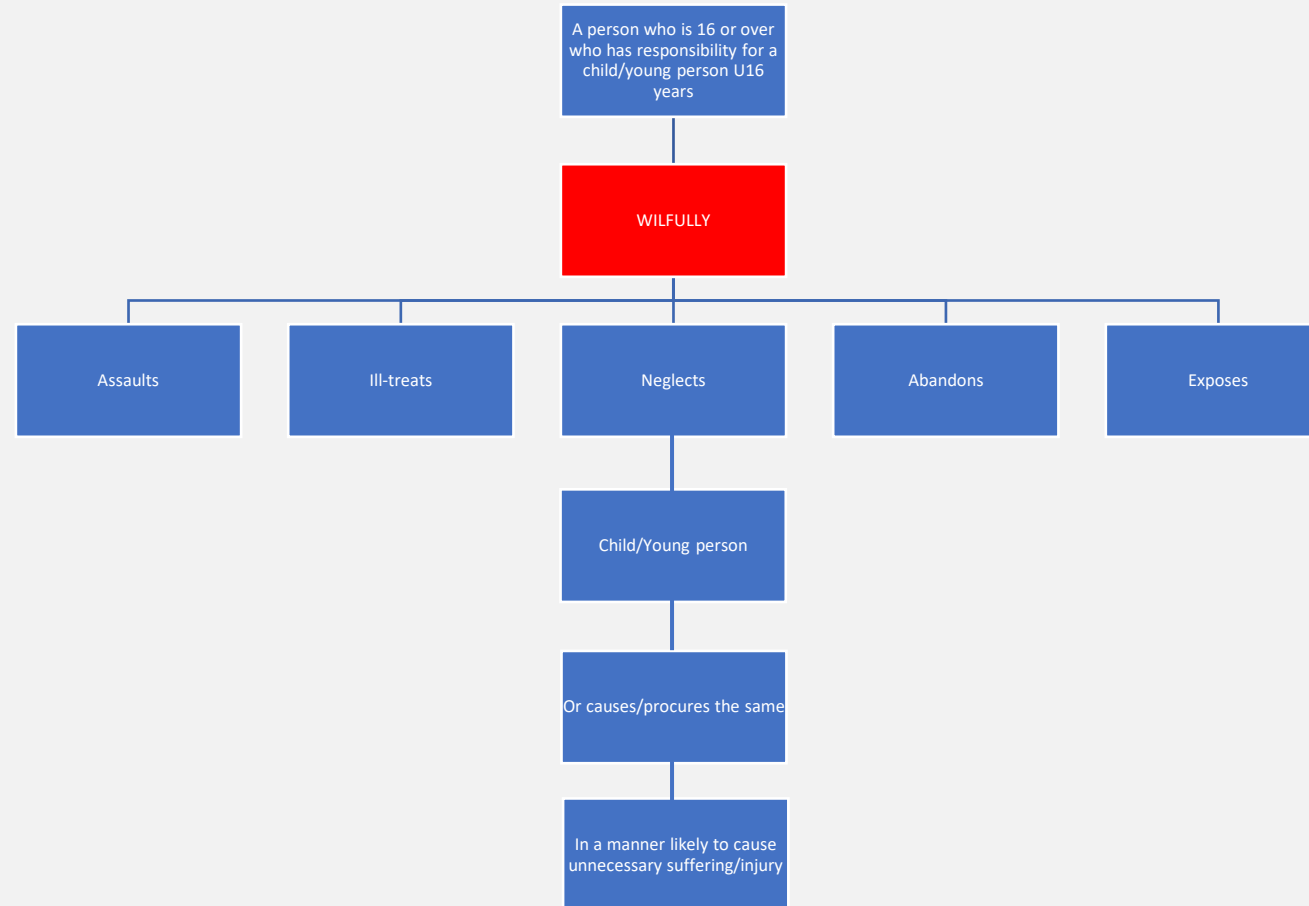
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Neglect/Cruelty S1 Childrens and Young Person Act 1933



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Terminology

- Wilful = deliberate or reckless act or failure
- Assault = common assault not enough by itself to prove this offence
- Ill-treat- course of conduct required
- Neglect- physical, emotional, mental, medical, nutritional, educational
- Abandonment- leaving a child/young person
- Exposure- not required to prove they intended to injury, just there is the possibility.



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What happens when reported to Police via 999/101?



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What happens when reported to Police via a referral?



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Neglect Outcomes

- Large number of cases don't meet charging standards
- Alternative offences considered
- Out of court disposal- community resolution/ conditional cautions
- Sentencing penalties
 - Summary- MAX 12 months imprisonment and/or a fine
 - Indictment- Max 14 years imprisonment and/or a fine



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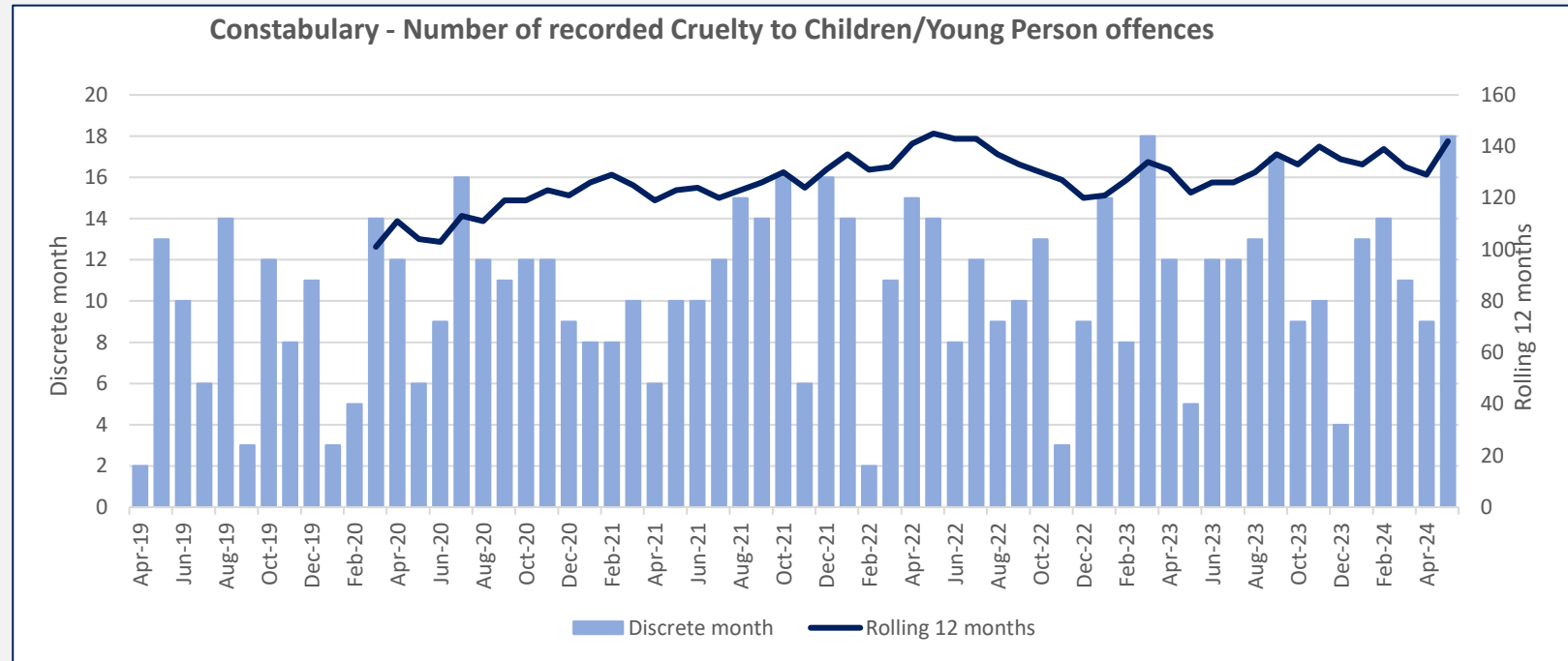
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Number of neglect crimes reported



12 months ending	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	May-24
Number of recorded crimes	101	125	132	134	132	142



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Neglect crimes reported across Cambridgeshire

North district- Peterborough/Fenland

12 months ending	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	May-24
Number of recorded crimes	42	71	79	58	75	86

South district- Huntingdon/South Cambridge/East Cambridge/Cambridge

12 months ending	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	May-24
Number of recorded crimes	53	47	51	75	57	56



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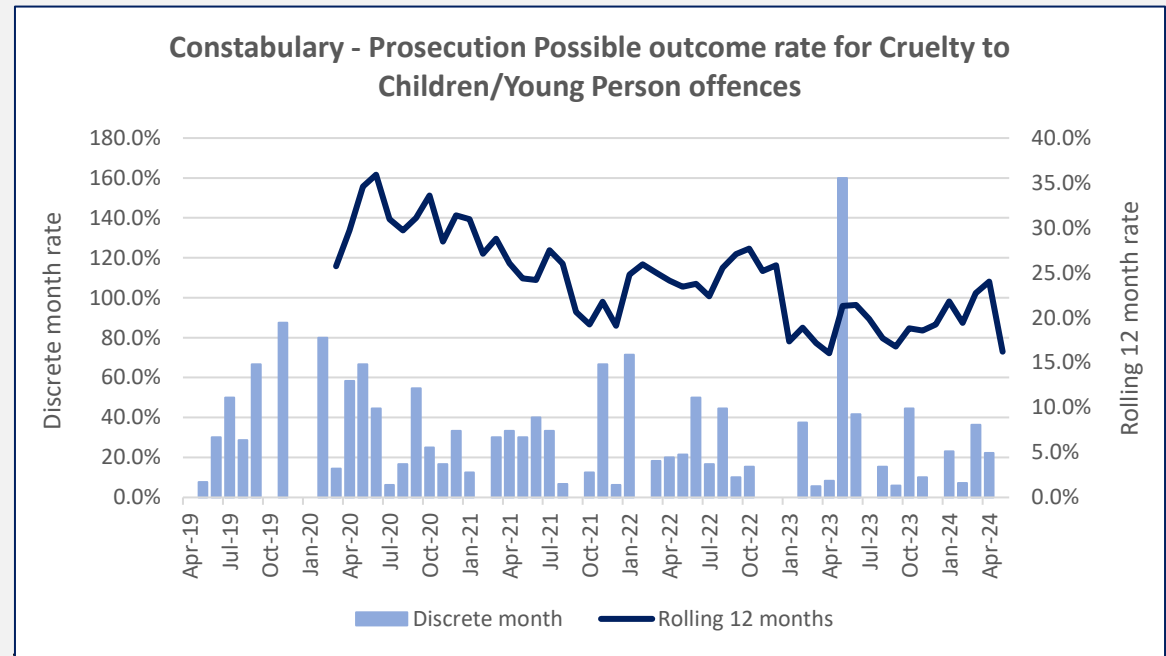
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Neglect crime outcomes



12 months ending	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22	Mar-23	Mar-24	May-24
PPO rate	25.7%	28.8%	25.0%	17.2%	22.7%	16.2%

Dealt by partner agency	11	6	18	42	30	25
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Case Study 1



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Neglect

- 21mth old boy at home alone with mum who was heavily intoxicated, asleep and unable to care for child.
- Reported by partner who returned from work at 7pm and found child covered in rubbish from the bin, wife passed out.
- Officers attend, child dirty, mum still asleep heavily intoxicated.
- Mum blew 150ug – drink drive limit is 35ug breath sample.
- Admission in interview to drinking heavily whilst sole adult with care of the child, acknowledging alcohol abuse and supportive of referral this.
- Referral to CSC, no Strat was held.
- Mum got a Conditional Caution – Comply with Alcohol Awareness course, Thinking Skills course and CGL assessment.



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