Exercise

Thinking About Your Home

Go through the following list with your worker and put a tick in all that apply to your home.

Scoring:

- Red answer = 3 points
- Amber answer = 2 points
- Yellow answer = **1** point
- Green answer = **0** points

Strong odour. Examples: smell of mould or rotten food or urine.

Kitchen floor is dirty. Examples: covered in bits / crumbs, rubbish, animal faeces.

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General decorative order is poor. Examples: obviously needing attention, stained / damaged walls, broken doors / windows.

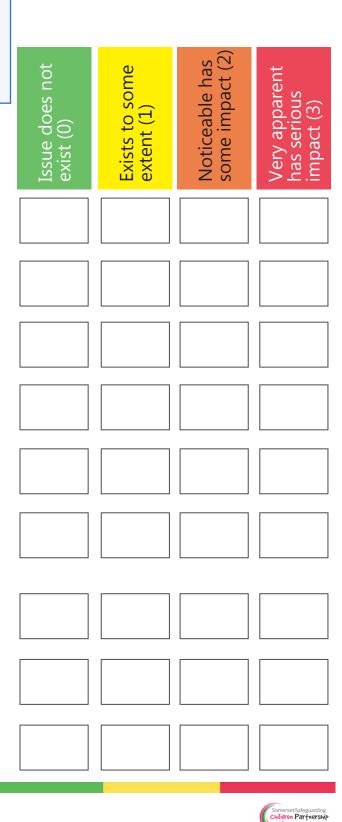
Kitchen sink, draining board, work surface, cooker, fridge or cupboard doors are dirty.

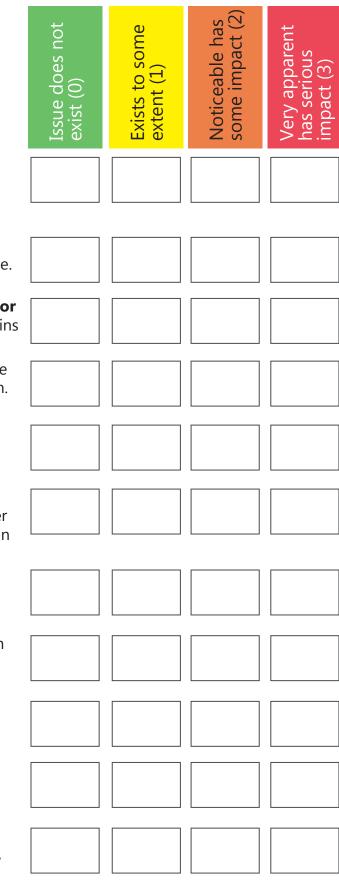
Cooking implements, cutlery or crockery dirty. Examples: showing ingrained dirt and or these items remain unwashed until they are needed again.

Toilet, bath or basin dirty. Examples: stained, broken or showing ingrained dirt.

Beds, furnishings or furniture dirty. Examples: broken or stained.

Parents or children's clothing dirty. Examples: unwashed smelling or hair dirty / matted.





General appearance of the house, garden or yard is poor. Examples: uncared for, strewn with

rubbish, containing dangerous items, broken bottles / prams.

There is a lack of food or food in inadequate. Examples: none or little in the cupboards or home.

Inadequate seating, furnishing, curtains or floor covering. Examples: no chairs or tables, no curtains or curtains always closed.

The availability of toys. Examples: little evidence of toys or play items / equipment for the children.

Bedding is unsuitable. Examples: no beds, mattresses or appropriate bed clothes on the children's beds.

Unsuitable hygiene regarding drug

paraphernalia. Examples: exposed needles, other drug paraphernalia visible in the house and within the child's reach.

Evidence of rodents or rodent damage to the property.

House hazardous to children. Examples: broken electrical socks, no smoke alarms, lack of safety gates or fireguards.

Basic services to the house. Examples: water electric, gas and heating.

House is cluttered. Examples: extreme clutter or hoarding, bin bags or clothing, or toys left everywhere, lack of space to play.

There are pets present in the house, are they hazardous? Examples: aggressive or threatening, or excess numbers of animals in the house.

Totals:



Making My Home Safe

Use the assessment from the previous page to guide you with your **to do** list and make sure the items which scored 3 or above are at the top of the list. Complete the list in order so the most serious worries are address first. These will make all the others easier.

Put a date in the next three weeks next to each task to show when you will tackle each task:

Red list:

Amber list:

Yellow list:

