**1.** Our local learning highlights the challenges of working with **affluent professional** families;

**2.** Be aware of the danger of prioritising your **working relationship** with the parents at the expense of highlighting the child safeguarding issues. We often need to deploy more time and reflection when working with these families;

**7.** Be assertive and aware of your unconscious bias in working with affluence. Evidence of material wealth may be a barrier to exploring neglect and vocalizing concerns.

## 6. Research:

Click <u>here</u> to see a report by Professor Claudia Bernard.

## **Neglect Resources:**

To view further resources around Neglect. Please click here.



**5.** Recognise **emotional neglect** for what it is: material resources but a lack of supervision; parties, alcohol and substance use, access to unlimited social media and gaming. Scrutiny of academic performance but a lack of recognition of emotional needs and SEND (Special Education Needs and Disabilities).

Kingston and Richmond Safeguarding Children Partnership 3. Notice emotionally unavailable parents: care coming from paid staff; long working hours; concealment; acrimonious contact disputes. This can screen parental mental health concerns, Domestic Abuse & adult substance use;

4. Hostility- Be prepared for challenge to your professional and social status, and experience. Recognise legal threats, non-compliance, scrutiny of your practice, escalations to senior managers, and complaints for what they are. A smokescreen! And seek support from your manager!