

## Exercise

Note the images that spring to mind when you think about children's experiences of neglect. Discuss with the group what has influenced these associations, considering the examples below and any others that you are aware of.

- Are they historical? For example, overcrowded streets of industrial cities in the Victorian era?
- Are they drawn from the experience of children living in poorer countries?
- Are they affected by media or by the advertising of children's charities?
- Do they have an association with communities marked by levels of deprivation?
- To what extent are they an adult's interpretation of neglect?
- To what extent are they linked with the image of the child as free to play without adult supervision – in spite of limited play opportunities?
- Are they based on a particular child you have encountered either in your own life experience or in your work?
- How are they affected by your own childhood experiences?