

How long will I have a Child Protection Plan?



- Until the worries about you have got less.
- A Review Conference will be held within three months to look at the plan to make sure it is working to keep you safe.

What happens after the Conference?

- You will be visited regularly by your Social Worker. This is to make sure you are safe and you will also be able to talk to them about anything that may be worrying you.
- A smaller meeting called a "Core Group Meeting" will happen within ten days of the Conference to make sure everyone knows what they need to do for the Child Protection Plan.
- The Core Group will meet regularly to check that people are doing what they said they would do and the plan is keeping you safe. Your Social Worker will talk with you about you being there and how you want to share your views with the meeting.

What if I am unhappy with Conference?

- Ask your Social Worker about how to make a complaint. Your Advocate or an adult you trust can help you with this.
- If you think things went well, or could have been done differently or better please talk to your Social Worker or the leader of the meeting (Chairperson).
- Don't be afraid to ask questions, no matter how silly they seem to you.
- **It's really important that we know what YOU think.**



Information for Children and Young People

So, what are
Child Protection Conferences?

What are they for?

Will I have to go?

What will happen?



What is a child protection conference?



- It is a meeting arranged by Children's Social Care if people are worried about your safety. We will talk about what needs to be done to keep you safe.

What is the conference for?

- To talk about what may have happened and why there is a worry.
- To talk about what problems you and your family might be having.
- To find the best ways to keep you safe and help your family.

Who will be at the conference?

- Some of the people you will know, like your Teacher, Social Worker, Health Visitor or School Nurse and some of the people you won't know, such as a Police Officer. There will also be someone to lead the meeting called the Chairperson and someone to make notes.

Do I have to be there?

- Your Social Worker will talk with you about this. You may want to be in some or all of the meeting.
- Your social worker will also talk to you about how you would like your views and feelings to be known. You may like someone else at the meeting to say what you think.
- The Social Worker will include your views in a report that they write for the Conference.
- If you would like someone who you know and trust to help you feel more at ease at the meeting speak to your Social Worker about who you would like to bring.

What if I don't go?



- If you don't go, you can write down your views so someone can read this at the meeting or you can get someone to speak for you, like a relative, family friend, Social Worker or a Children's Advocate.
- Your Social Worker will talk with you about what was said and you will get a letter about what was decided at the meeting.

What happens in a Conference?

- The leader of the meeting (Chairperson) will speak with you before the start to explain a bit more about the meeting and to listen to any worries that you may have or answer any questions. It might be that you can stay for all or part of the meeting.
- People will talk about you and your family and what may have happened and what the problems may be.
- You will also be asked your wishes and feelings.

What can a Conference decide?

- Whether or not you are safe and whether a Child Protection Plan is needed.
- The plan will set out what will happen to help protect you and help you and your family to make sure that you are safe.
- This plan says what people must do to make sure that you are safe.

