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Information for Young People Attending a Child Protection Conference

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What is a Child Protection Conference?

A Child Protection Conference is a meeting, which takes place when professionals believe a child or young person has been seriously harmed or is likely to be harmed in the future. The Conference is to help you and your family.

It is important for you to remember that you are not in trouble.



Who will be at the Conference?

It is important that people who know you attend the meeting, so your teacher, your doctor and others will be invited to provide information about you and your family.

You may not know all the people who attend but they will be there to discuss your welfare and to help with making plans for the future. One of these people will be the Chair, who leads the meeting and makes sure that all the important information is discussed and that everybody has a chance to speak.



If you want to go to the meeting, make sure that your Social Worker knows this and you will receive an invitation.



You will have a chance to talk to the Chair before the meeting starts. In some cases you may only be allowed to attend for part of the meeting. If this happens you will be given a full explanation.

If you don't want to attend the meeting, you can still have your views heard by -

- asking your Social Worker to speak for you,
- writing a letter to the meeting.

REMEMBER - the meeting is about YOU and your views are very important

Will any of my family be there?

Your parents or carers will generally be invited and it is important that they should be there. Other members of your family may be invited if they have a lot to do with you, e.g. your grandparents, or aunt and uncle.

What will be talked about at the meeting?

The people at the meeting will talk about what has happened to cause the Conference to be held.

Your Social Worker will have written a report for the meeting which you and your parents/carers should have seen before the meeting starts. Other professionals, e.g. your teacher, may also have written a report which you and your family will see.

Can I say something in the meeting?

YES - it is very important that you tell people at the meeting what you think. If you don't feel able to say anything, you may want to write something down so that the Chair or Social Worker can read it out.



What if I want to say something that I don't want my Mum and Dad to hear?

You can tell your Social Worker or the Chair about it and special arrangements can be made.

What if I am worried about something before the meeting?

You can talk to your Social Worker, or to your teacher or doctor if you prefer. You will also have the chance to talk to the Chair before you go into the meeting.

What will happen in the meeting?

People at the meeting will be discussing all the important information about you. If they believe that you have suffered any serious harm or that you are at risk of this, they will discuss whether you need a Child Protection Plan. This Plan will be discussed at the Conference



What is a Child Protection Plan?

A Child Protection Plan is a list of what people need to do to make sure you are safe. The Plan will be written in detail at the first meeting of the Core Group.



What is a Core Group?

This is a small group of people including you and your parents/carers, which meets regularly between Conferences to check that everyone is following the Child Protection Plan. It will include professionals who are having direct contact with you and your family, e.g. your teacher.

How long will my Child Protection Plan Continue?

Your Plan will continue for as long as people believe you need protection. It will be discussed at the first Review Conference, which must be held no later than 3 months after the first Conference. If the decision is made then that you continue to need a Plan, a Review Conference will be held at least every 6 months after that until everybody is satisfied that you are no longer at risk.

Can I complain about something that was said or done at the Conference that I did not like?

Yes you can. You can talk to your Social Worker about something called a "Complaints Procedure" or you can ask to talk to the Safeguarding Manager, Safeguarding Children's Unit, 2/3 Burleigh Court, Burleigh Street, Barnsley, S71 1XY (tel 01226 772400).