

When Your Child Becomes Looked After

An easy read booklet

**Who is going
to be
involved?**



**What will I
have to do?**

**Who can help
me?**

This booklet will help you understand what will happen if your child becomes looked after.

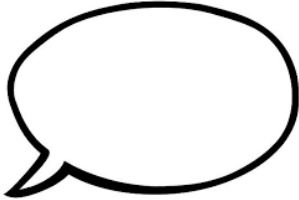
You may want to have someone with you while you are reading the booklet.

That way if you don't understand anything, the other person can support you.

This person could be an advocate, or a person who you trust. An advocate is somebody independent who will make sure your views, wishes, and feelings are listened to.

At the back of the booklet there is a blank page for you to write down anything you want to remember, or anything you want to ask.

What is a Child Looked After Review?



The review is held to talk about your child and how things are going for them.



It is time to talk about your child's care plan and how well it is working, or if things need to be changed.

Their care plan will talk about where your child lives, family time (contact with your children), their health, their education, their hobbies, their cultural needs, their religion, and their personal wishes.



The Child Looked After Review meeting gives you chance to talk about plans for your child's future.

Who will be at a Child Looked After Review meeting?



You



Your child



Your child's carers



Your child's teacher
or someone from
their school/
education provision



Other important people
in your child's life



An Independent Reviewing Officer who will chair the meeting and make sure that everybody is treated fairly.

What Happens at the Child Looked After Review Meeting?



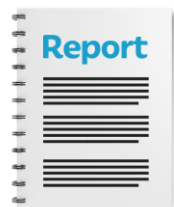
The meeting will happen where your child feels most comfortable. It may be at their carer's home, their school, in a council building, or online.



In the meeting you will talk about changes in your child's life, what is going well, whether anything needs to change and it will be important to hear from your child to ensure their voice is heard.



The Independent Reviewing Officer will check that any actions from the last meeting have been completed and review the outcomes that are to be achieved.



After the meeting you will have a written report that says what will happen next and by when. You will get this within 20 days of the meeting.



The child's Social Worker will update your child's plan after the meeting.



The first review meeting will happen within four weeks of your child becoming looked after.

If your child remains looked after, there will be a further review meeting within three months. Then reviews must be held at least every six months.



If you can't attend the meeting, you should talk to your child's Social Worker about how you would like your wishes and feelings to be heard.

My Notes