

When Children, Young People and Families Services are involved

A leaflet for children and young people
(12-18)

What will
happen?



Who can
support me?

This leaflet will help you understand what will happen if Children's Services are worried about you and your family.

At the back of the leaflet there is a blank page for you to write down or draw a picture of anything important you would like to remember. You could also use it to write down any thought, feelings or questions you have.

You have the right to be listened to and have your views taken seriously. Sometimes it can be difficult to express how you feel and you may think your voice isn't getting heard. This is when you might need the support of an advocate. Advocates are independent and do not work for Children's Services, but they will support you in making sure your views, wishes and feelings are listened to, explain your situation, and why certain decisions have been made.

The Child Protection Conference

Who might be there?



You and/or your advocate



Your parents/carers/family members



Your Social Worker



Somebody from school/college



School nurse/your GP



Police

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What might happen?



Each professional will have written a report about what they think is going well for you and your family and what they are worried about.



There will be discussion about the risk of significant harm, family members lived experiences, their wishes and feelings and what they would like to see change.



Some information cannot be shared with you and there may be some parts of the meeting that you won't be able to attend.



Your voice is very important and you or your advocate will have the opportunity to express your wishes and feelings.



Once all the information has been shared, the Chair will summarise the strengths and risks for your family.



All professionals then need to decide if you have suffered or are at continuing risk of significant harm.

If this is the case, your name will be placed on the Child Protection Register under one of the following categories: Physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or emotional abuse.

The Care and Support Protection Plan



If your name is placed on the Child Protection Register, a multi-agency Care and Support Protection Plan will be put in place.



The aim of the plan is to work together to reduce the risk of harm to you, looking at short and long term goals to promote your safety and well-being.

What happens after the Care and Support Protection Plan is put in place?



Your Social Worker will visit you at least every ten working days.



There will be monthly Core Group Meetings to review your Care and Support Protection Plan, which you and/or your advocate can attend. The professionals who are working closely with you and your family will be there.



They will talk about whether the Care and Support Protection Plan is working to help reduce the risk to you and promote your wellbeing.

The Review Child Protection Conference



There will be a review Child Protection Conference in 3 months' time.



The review conference should consider the progress of the Care and Support Protection Plan in reducing the risk of harm and promoting your safety and well-being.



A decision could be made for your name to remain on the Child Protection Register. If so, your Care and Support Protection Plan would continue for a further 6 months.

If the decision is made that you are no longer at continuing risk of harm, your name can be removed from the Child Protection Register.

My Notes