

When Children, Young People and Families Services are involved

A leaflet for children and young people

(6-11)

Who can help me?



What will happen?

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 thoughts, feelings or questions you have.

You have the right to be listened to. Sometimes it can be difficult to tell people how you feel and what makes you happy or sad. An advocate is someone who can help you tell people how you feel.

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Who might be there?



You and/or your advocate



Your parents/carers/family members



Your Social Worker



Somebody from your school



School nurse/your doctor]



Police

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What might happen?



Each person will write a report about you and your family. They will say what is working well and what they are worried about.



They will talk about how you and your family feel, what they are worried about, and what they would like to change.

Some children come to parts of their meetings. Your Social Worker will talk about this with you.



How you feel is very important and you or your advocate will be able to tell people your wishes and feelings.



The people at the meeting will talk about their worries. If they think things need to change for you and your family to protect you and keep you safe, your name will be placed on the Child Protection Register.

The plan to support and protect you



If your name is placed on the Child Protection Register, the people at the meeting will agree a plan to support and protect you.



The aim of the plan is to work together to help make things better for you and your family.

What happens after the plan is put in place?



You will have a Social Worker who will come and visit you, sometimes at home, sometimes at school.



The plan to support and protect you will be talked about every month to see if any changes need to be made.

Your Social Worker will talk to you and your family to see what changes you think need to be made. This will be shared at the meeting.

The Review Child Protection Conference



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



The people at the review conference will talk about what has happened in the last 3 months, how well the plan to support and protect you is working, and if there are still any worries.



If people are still worried, your name might stay on the Child Protection Register. If so, the plan to support and protect you would carry on for a further 6 months.

If people think that the plan is working to protect you and keep you safe, your name can be taken off the Child Protection Register.

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