

How can I have my say?

If you come to the meeting you can:

- Talk to your social worker about the conference before it happens.
- Meet with the independent chair before the meeting to discuss how to put your views across.
- Ask for an advocate to go with you to support **you** and help **you** have your say at the meeting.

If you do not want to be at or speak at the meeting you can:

- Write down your views and comments and send them to the meeting.
- Contact the independent chairperson by text, email or telephone
- Ask for an advocate to go with you and speak for you at the meeting.
- The independent chair will be happy to speak to you and answer any questions you might have.



Information for children and young people about child protection conferences



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IT IS YOUR RIGHT ...

- To be heard
- To feel safe and be safe
- To ask questions and be supported when things are difficult
- To complain
- To have an independent advocate to help you



What is a Child Protection Conference?

This is a meeting arranged by a social worker when there are concerns about a child or a young person's welfare and safety.

Professionals and members of the family come to the meeting to discuss the concerns and find out more about the whole situation.

The independent chairperson makes sure that everyone at the meeting has a say.



What is a Child Protection Plan?

Children and young people who may be at risk of harm are put on a Child Protection Plan.

This lists the work that needs to be done to make sure you are safe. Some of the people at the Child Protection Conference might visit you and work with your family. The Protection Plan is to help you and your family.

The social worker will visit your home regularly to talk to you. They will also talk to your parents and carers.

Do I have to go to the Child Protection Conference?

You are invited to attend but it is your choice. Your views are important and we will be considering your needs and wishes at the meeting.

The independent chair will make sure everyone at the meeting listens to **your** views.



Who will be there?

Most of the people at the meeting will know you and your family. Your teacher, doctor or a school nurse might attend.

What will happen at the meeting?

The chair will ask everyone in turn to talk about their concerns and also about what is going well in the family. At the end of the meeting the professionals will decide whether they think you are at risk of harm and whether you need a Protection Plan.

