



For
Children
& young
people

Wolverhampton's Safeguarding Service

WHAT IS A CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE?



- Information for young people
- How to say what you think about it



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1. What is a Child Protection Conference?

A Child Protection Conference is where a group of people come together to talk. It happens when it is thought something has gone wrong in your family. It means you or other children in your family are thought to be harmed or people are worried you might be harmed.

2. What does harmed mean?

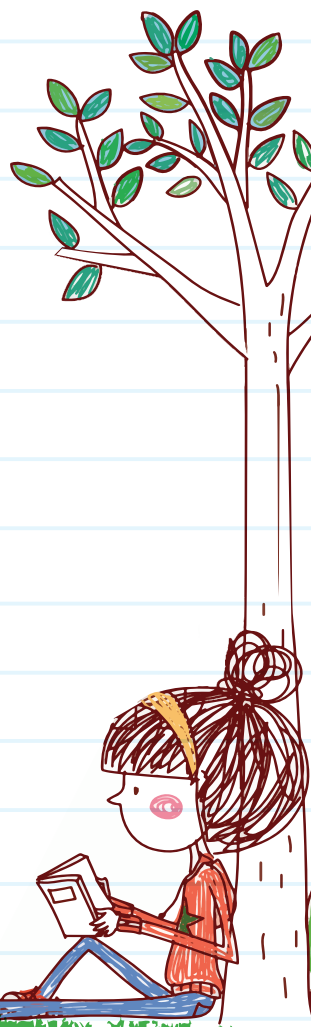
Someone is harmed if they have been hurt. Maybe they have not been looked after properly. It means that things have happened to them that should not happen or the person who was supposed to look after them did not keep them safe.

3. When does a Child Protection Conference happen?

A Social Worker meets you and your family to try to understand what is happening. If they are worried, they will arrange a Conference so everyone can talk about what has happened.

4. Where would the Conference be?

The Conference takes place in a big room with lots of chairs for people to sit down at. The chairs could be round a big table.





5. Who will be there?

There are a lot of people who may come. There will be one person there who will write down what people say. Some of the other people could be:

- Your parents and people who care for you
- Your teachers
- School nurse or your doctor
- The police
- Social Worker and other people who are helping your family

6. Who runs the Conference?

The person who runs the Conference is called the Conference Chair Person.

They will try very hard to make sure everyone has a say. It is important that your parents, your family and you can say what think.

7. What happens at the Conference?

The people at the Conference will talk about what has happened in your family. They will think how they can help you and your family so that things are better in the future.

8. Who will know what I think?

We hope that you will tell us what you think. It is very important we know what you feel should happen.

To let us know, you can fill in the form at the back of this book. We can pass this on to the Chair Person and they can tell everyone what you think. You can also talk to the Chair Person and tell them what you think.

They will tell the people in the meeting for you. If you do not want everybody to know what you have said, we can make sure that happens too.





Remember !



9. Can I go to the Conference?

Some children may be asked if they want to come to the Conference themselves. If you do, the Chair Person will see you before the meeting starts and explain everything to you. You can also have someone with you to help you if you want.

The person who writes down what people say will write down what you say, too. At the end of the meeting the Chair Person will listen to what everybody says. They will then say what is to happen next.

10. What happens to the things the person writes down?

The person who writes everything down types it up and sends it to all the people at the Conference. Those people who could not come will get a copy, too.

This is called a conference report and it also includes the plan about what needs to happen next.

- In the Conference you are the most important person.
- The people are talking about you, your life and what happens in the future.
- We really want to know what you think and we want you to tell us.
- You will see a copy of the plan so you know what is going to happen next.

11. What happens next?

There will be meetings called 'core group' where people talk about how the plan is going.

There will be a review conference after 3 months to see if things are better.



What do you want to say?

Use the form below to think about what you want to say and how you want to say it

Name



Date of Conference

Do you know why the Conference is taking place?

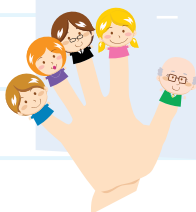
Answer

Are there things that you think need to be different at home?

Answer

Is there anything else you want to say about what is happening in your family?

Answer



Do you want to come to the Conference or meet with the Chair Person to say what you think?



Answer

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If not, is there anything you want the Social Worker to tell people at the meeting?

Answer

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Is there anything you have said that you don't want everyone at the meeting to know?

Answer

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How would you like to be told about what has been agreed at the Conference?

Answer

If you are coming to the Conference, give this form to the Chair person before the meeting. If you are not coming, your Social Worker will give it to them.



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