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Information for young people



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A child protection conference is a meeting arranged by children's social care if people are worried about your safety or there are concerns about how you are being treated by the people caring for you.



What happens at the conference?

The meeting will talk about the good things as well as the not so good.

Sometimes people at these meetings have to talk about whether it is safe for children to be at home. This meeting cannot decide that you will live away from home.

If the meeting decides there are worries about your safety, you will get a chance to help work out a plan of action to make things better for you. This is called a child protection plan.



What is a child protection plan?

This is a list of things that everyone who knows you - like your teacher and social worker and your parents or carers - agrees to do to make things better.

The plan will spell out clearly what needs to be done, by who and when. It will be checked regularly to see that it is working and your social worker will share it with you. They will also ask how you think it is working and whether you would like to add anything.

Who will be there?

- your parents /carers
- your social worker
- someone from your school
- a chairperson (someone who runs the meeting)
- a minute taker (someone who will take notes)
- a school nurse
- any other people giving support to your family

You can also request an advocate. This is someone who can support you in saying what you would like to say. If you would like an advocate please ring the Children's Rights Team:

01484 223388 or freephone 0800 3893312 (free from landlines)



Can I attend the conference?

Yes, if you would like to, you should talk to your social worker, advocate or another adult you feel close to before you decide.

If you don't want to attend - but you have something you would like to say - you can talk to the conference chairperson or write them a letter. Your social worker, advocate, or another adult at the conference can also pass on your views at the meeting.



Useful websites

www.youngncb.org.uk

www.childline.org.uk

www.childnet-int.org.uk

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.kirklees.gov.uk/you-kmc/complaints/complaints1.shtml



Useful contact numbers

Kirklees Complaints: **01484 225140**

NSPCC Helpline: **0808 800 5000**

Childline: **08001111**

Children's Rights Team: **01484 223388** or freephone **0800 3893312**
(free from landlines)

Children Legal Centre: **0800 783 2187**

National Youth Advocacy Service: **0800616101**

Who Cares Linkline: **0207 251 3117**

(Mon, Wed & Thurs) 3.30 - 6pm. Free service and counselling service for young people in care.

Children's Rights & Advocacy Service 'Voice': **0808 800 5792**

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