

## Do I have to go to the meeting?

You may be invited if the social worker and your family think this will be okay for you but no, you don't have to go to the meeting. If you don't want to come to the meeting, someone else (such as your social worker, family member or an advocate, who is trained to speak for children and young people) can give your views and wishes. This could be in writing or you could draw a picture or make a recording.

Whatever is decided, it is important that your views are heard and the arrangements are explained to you.

## When will I stop having a Child Protection Plan?

The Child Protection Conference will happen again in three months' time and then at least every six months after that. The people at the meeting will decide if you still need a Child Protection Plan to keep you and your family safe.

## Where can I get more information and advice?

More information can be found on the NSCB website:  
**[www.norfolkscb.org/children-young-people](http://www.norfolkscb.org/children-young-people)**

If you want to let us know anything at all about your child protection conference, you can write it on the feedback form, which will be given to you at the conference, or you can call the Independent Reviewing Manager on 01603 222288.

If you need this document in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language, please let your social worker know and we will do our best to help you.



# Working together to keep you safe

## Child protection conference

### Information for children and young people

**Contact information**

Your social worker is: .....

The contact number is: .....

## What is a Child Protection Conference?

It is a meeting where you can talk about what is happening in your life, what is going well and what is worrying you. If someone is concerned about your safety or care, e.g. social workers, health workers, police, teachers or family members, they will also talk about those worries in the meeting. You may hear the words Signs of Safety mentioned, this is just the way we work. It helps people to think about what is needed, to make sure you are safe, happy and listened to.

## Who will be going to the meeting?

- You
- Your parents/carer(s)
- Your social worker
- Someone from your school
- A person called the chairperson will lead the meeting
- Other people working with you or your family, e.g. your doctor

## What will happen at the meeting?

The meeting will start with you, your family and the chairperson talking in a room. You and your family will talk about the people in your family and who is important to you. Then everyone else will join you in the room to start the meeting.

The chairperson will ask people to share what they are worried about for you and your family. They will also talk about what is going well and how people may be able to help keep you safe and well. The person who leads the meeting will write down what people say on a board, in a way that you and your family understand. No long, professional words will be used and you and your family can ask questions.

The meeting will decide if a Child Protection Plan is needed to keep you safe, or a Child in Need Plan to give you and your family the support you need.

## What is a Child Protection Plan?

The Child Protection Plan will say what needs to change to make you safe and who will work with your family to do this. The people working with your family are called the Core Group and are usually people already known by you or your family.

## What is a Child in Need Plan?

The Child in Need Plan will say what you need to be happy, healthy and safe, who will work with your family to help make this happen. It will also say how long they will work with you and your family and what is expected to happen at the end of this time.

## What will your social worker do?

Your social worker will visit you in your home and will spend time with you alone. How often these visits will happen will be one of the things we talk about at the conference. The social worker will also work with your parent/carer(s). The social worker will let you know if they are going to share with the family anything you have said.

## What will the meeting room look like?

