

Child Protection Conferences

Information for parents and carers

What is a Child Protection Conference?

It is a meeting held because professionals have concerns that a child may be at risk of harm.

A Child Protection Conference is held after professionals have decided that it is necessary to have a meeting to share information, so that every one has a better understanding of what the problems are and what can be done to protect the child. The aim of the meeting is to work with parents and carers to help them safely care for their children.

Who will be at the Child Protection Conference?

Your child's Social Worker will be there, as well as other relevant people, including your child's Health Visitor and Teacher. A Police Officer may also be present.

You will be told who has been invited. It is very important that you come to the meeting so that you can share and hear information about your child and your family.

The conference could last up to three hours so please make sure that you don't have any other commitments on the morning or afternoon of the conference. You should contact your child's Social Worker if you need help with child care while the conference is taking place.

We always provide an interpreter, if you need one.

What can you expect at a conference?

Before the conference you should have seen a copy of the Social Worker's report. The conference will be chaired by an independent person. Their job is to make sure that everyone, including you, is given the opportunity to speak and ask questions. They will also ensure that the conference makes some clear decisions about what will happen next.

What happens next?

If the conference decides that a child protection plan is necessary to safeguard your child, a Core Group will be set up to develop the child protection plan and make sure that everyone does what they have said they will do. You will be part of the Core Group.

If the conference decides that a child protection plan is not necessary but that you and your child require support, your child's Social Worker will draw up an action plan called a Child in Need Plan.



Your rights

You are entitled to receive advice from a solicitor if you wish.

A list of solicitors experienced in family matters in your area can be obtained from your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Other information and advice

If you would like some independent advice, please contact

The Family Right's Group
2nd Floor, The Print House,
18 Ashwin Street,
E8 3DL

Tel: 020 7923 2628 (Office)

Tel: 0800 731 1696 (Helpline)

Fax: 020 7923 2683

Email: office@frg.org.uk

Web: www.frg.org.uk

Complaints

If you are unhappy with the way that your child is being safeguarded, you should always discuss this with your child's social worker. If you are still concerned, you can make a complaint. To do this, please contact the Quality and Improvement Unit on **020 8356 5800** or **children.complaints@hackney.gov.uk**



Contacting us

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Hackney Council,
Hackney Service Centre,
1 Hillman Street,
London,
E8 1DY

Tel: 020 8356 5000

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