

What happens at a Child Protection Conference?

A Child Protection Conference is a meeting where people meet and talk about the good things and the worries in your family to try to make things better and to keep you safe.

What is an Advocate?

Sometimes adults have to make very difficult decisions about children and young people. An Advocate can make sure that these decisions include your thought, feelings, choices and wishes. Advocates can give you information about your rights and make sure you understand what is going on and that you have help and support.

Can I go to my Child Protection Conference?

Ask your Advocate or Social Worker about this. Lots of children and young people do go.



What is Child Protection?

Child protection is when adults have worries that a child or young person might not be safe. It is not about you doing something wrong!

What happens if I don't go to my Child Protection Conference?

If you don't go you can still let people know what you are thinking, feeling, or are worried about. You can tell an Advocate or Social Worker, they can tell everyone about these things, if you want them too.

Who else is going to be there?

To help keep the Child Protection Conference private, only people who need to help keep you safe are invited. This might include people like: Parents/Carers, Social workers, and someone who knows you from your school. And of course your Advocate.

REMEMBER! YOUR ADVOCATE WORKS ONLY FOR YOU.

Having your say

At the Conference your Advocate will help you to make sure people:-

- 1 Listen to your ideas and wishes.
- 2 Understand your feelings.
- 3 Know what matters to you.

What an Advocate can do for you

- 4 Work out ways to make going to the conference easier for you.
- 5 Make sure adults don't use tricky big words that are hard to understand.
- 6 Look after you during the meeting.
- 7 Help you to understand the decisions people make about you and your family.

Shout out! really helped me say more than I normally do to people. I feel much happier after having an Advocate.



My Advocate helped me feel confident and helped me say exactly what I wanted everyone to hear.



1 When a date for your Child Protection Conference is arranged, an Advocate will contact you to see if you want support and would like to meet.

2 We will come and see you, listen to what you have to say and together think of the best way to let the people at the Child Protection Conference know your thoughts, feelings and wishes.

3 If you want to go to the conference we can take you there and bring you back.

4 At the conference we will offer you support to help you tell the adults what you are thinking or we can share your ideas for you if you don't want to talk.

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