

**ROCHDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES
POLICY**

**ROCHDALE FAMILY GROUP MEETINGS
QUALITY AIMS**

Rochdale Family Group Meetings use the Family Rights Group model for Family Group Conferences, and endeavour to work towards meeting the 6 Principles set out in the FGC Principles and Practice Guidance from Barnardo's.

Family Group Meetings recognise that every family is different, with its own culture, personalities, personal dynamics and history; and therefore unique ways of problem solving and providing support. Family Group Meetings put families at the forefront of decision making for their children.

In order to provide a quality service we aim to:

- Provide an inclusive and flexible service which values all individuals and the contribution they make to the FGM.
- Involve children and their families in the planning of their own FGM.
- Seek the views of children, Parents & Carers/ /Extended Family members/Referrers and other professionals on their experience of an FGM.
- Use feedback from FGM members to make improvements to the service.
- Have a clear policy in place for complaints.
- Set up a database in order to analyse the effectiveness and efficiency of the service.
- Have clear arrangements for Induction, Support and Supervision of FGM Co-ordinators.
- Ensure that FGM Co-ordinators remain independent.
- Have a Safeguarding policy in place.
- Offer advocacy or support to children or vulnerable adults at the meeting.
- Ensure that parents are aware of the information to be presented to the FGM at least 24 hours before it takes place.
- Provide help and support to families, including travel costs & provision of childcare where appropriate, to enable them to attend their FGM.