

What do you think needs to change?
 What are you worried about?
 What do you think is going well?
 What or who has helped you so far?
 When you think of a time when the worries were not there, what was different?
 We will spend time talking with you and the people around you to help us understand what the worries are. This could include your family or friends and key professionals who work with you and your child



1 Lets talk

Here in Coventry we have adopted the Signs of Safety approach. Signs of Safety is a way of working with you which supports you in firstly understanding our worries and then working together to achieve a plan which will show everyone how we aim to make the worries go away.

Your child's worker is...

The contact number is...

6 Safety

Safe! Have we created enough change together to make the worries go away and for your family to close to services?
 Maybe we have already started to work with the worries and your family will be 'stepped down' to an alternative support service.
 Are the worries still so bad that we need to speak to other people?



We will work together to develop a danger/worry statement
 We will talk about the worries and we will also talk about what is the existing strength and safety in your family
 What are the bottom lines?
 What will we not accept?
 If nothing changes what could happen?
 Together we will create a Safety Goal. "What will we need to see to satisfy us that your child is safe and so we do not have to worry anymore?"
 What do we need to see and when?
 Timescales

2 Time to think



5 Lets monitor/ review

What difference has this plan had on you and your family so far?
 Are you still worried? If so what do we need to do differently to help with the worries?
 We will hold regular meetings so that we can discuss what's working well, what people are worried about and what we need to do to help sort the problem.



Based on what we know so far, how safe is your child?
 On a scale of 0-10, where 10 is your child is safe and 0 is unsafe, where do you think your child is?
 Scaling: We will use scaling questions to help us understand more
 On a scale of 0-10, where 10 is we are not worried about your child and 0 is we are really worried about your child and will need professional support, where do you think you are?

3 Decision making



At the heart of Signs of Safety is your child. It is important that your child has a chance to be able to say what they might be worried about, what makes them happy and what they would like to see happen in their family.

Building relationships is key to good results. We will try our best to work in partnership with you, your child, your family and the key professionals around you.

4 Lets plan

Who will do what and when?
 We may hold a family meeting so that you and our support network can create a plan to keep your child safe
 We will work together to create a plan. This plan will be written in a way which helps you understand
 We may create a safety plan. This will show everyone how you plan to keep your child safe
 What do we need to see so that we are sure the plan is working?
 What will we do when things get difficult to make sure the children are safe?



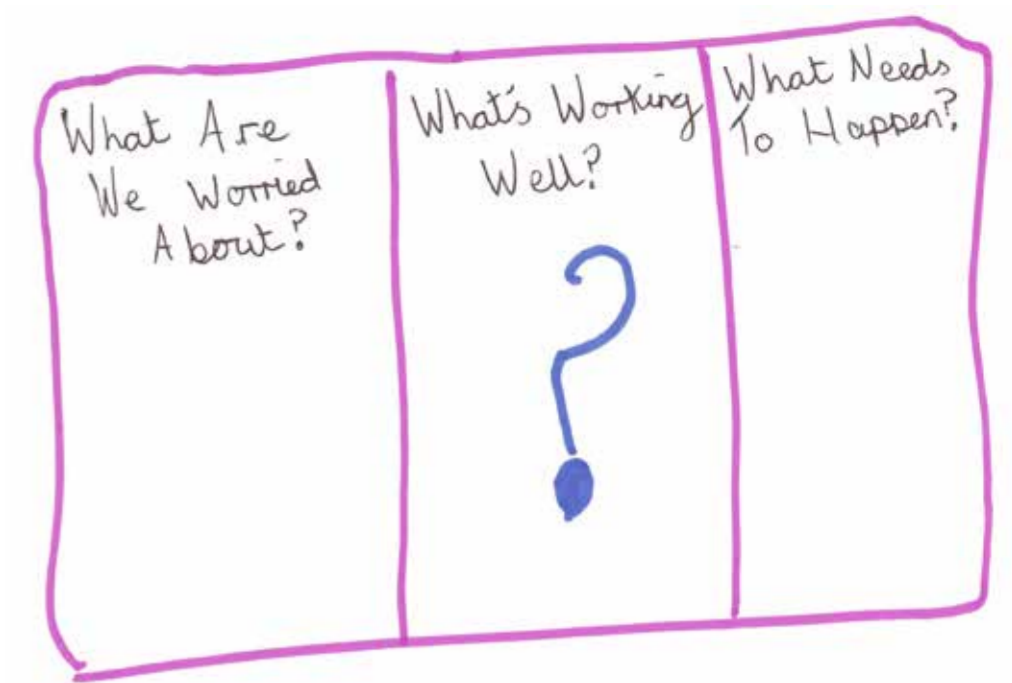


This is
 who is your.....

Their job is to work with you and your family to understand if you are safe and happy.
 They will spend time talking to you and listening to you.



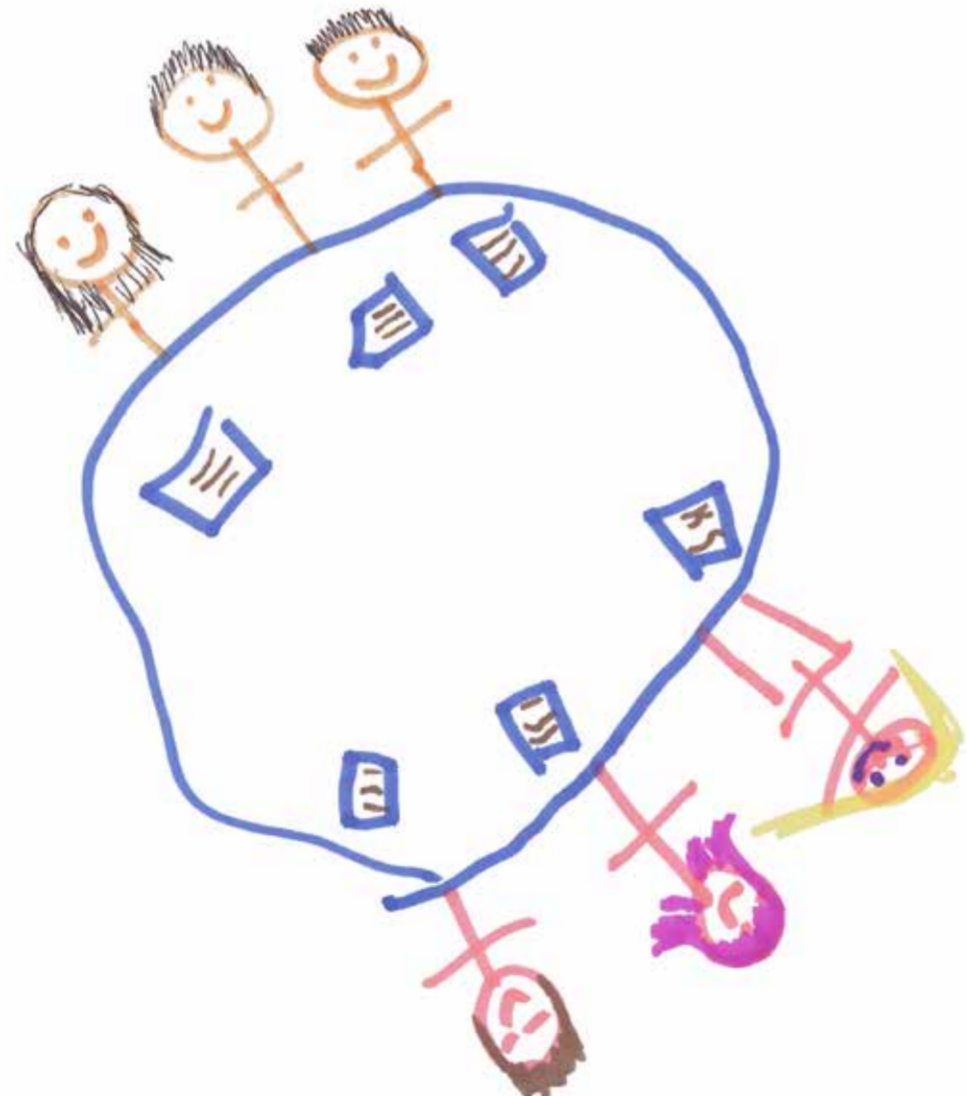
They will also spend time talking to those around you such as family or a key person from school.



They will ask questions like... 'what are we worried about?', 'what is working well?', 'what needs to happen?' and 'on a scale of 0-10'



They will work with you and your family to look at the worries and to make a plan which will show everyone how they will make sure they can keep you safe.



Whilst everyone is working towards the plan they will have regular meetings where we will check how things are going. You may be asked to come to the meeting too.



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 will come to visit you at home and speak to you and your family to see what is going well



Hopefully soon enough everyone will feel that the plan has worked and you will not need

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 to visit anymore