

Dear



This is an Easy Read version of your letter from Dorset Children's Services.

We are very worried about your child[ren]:

[Name(s)]



We want to meet with you to explain what you must do to keep [name of child(ren)] safe.

The meeting is

At: [time], on: [date]

In: [Place]

It is important that you have a solicitor at the meeting.

Please take this letter to a solicitor now.



A solicitor is an expert in the law; they will make sure your rights are respected.

The solicitor will tell you about getting legal aid (free legal advice).



If you need help to get to the meeting, your child[ren]’s social worker [name] will help you.



We will make a plan at the meeting to keep your child[ren] safe.

We will try to help you make this plan work.



If you do not come to the meeting, we will ask the Court to decide what happens next.

The Court could decide that [name of child(ren)] should come into our care.

After the meeting, we will check if the plan is working.



If your child[ren] [is/are] still not safe, we will ask the Court to decide what happens next.

The Court could decide that [name of child(ren)] should come into our care.



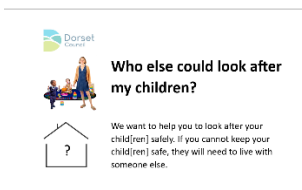
Please contact [name of child's social worker] on [phone number] as soon as possible to let them know if you will come to the meeting.

There are two separate forms with this letter:



Keeping your family safe – why we are worried.

This tells you why we might have to look after your children instead of you.



Who else could look after my child[ren]?

This asks if there is anyone else in your family who could look after your child[ren] if you cannot keep them safe.

Please show both these forms to your solicitor.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

Team Manager

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