

# “My Conference Booklet”

**We want to  
hear your  
voice**

## Your views



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# ABOUT MY CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE

## *What is a child protection conference?*



A child protection conference is a meeting of people who are worried that you might not be safe. The people who come to the conference come because they know you or they can help you to be safe.

They will talk about any worries they have about you or your family. They will hear what you think about these worries and decide if there is a risk to you or any other children in your home. The people at the meeting might decide you are safe and not at risk of harm. If this happens they may still offer you and your family help and support.

If they decide it is not safe for you and you are at risk of harm, they will plan what sort of help is best to keep you safe. This is called a Child Protection Plan.

The meeting can also recommend that the police investigate concerns if they think there has been a crime committed against you.

## *Who goes to my child protection conference?*

Your parents or the person who looks after you may be there, and those working with you or your family such as your social worker, your teacher or your school nurse may be there. Other people you have not met before could also be there. Your social worker will explain who will be coming.

Your social worker can tell you more information about the conference and as this is about you, we would like you to attend either some or all of the meeting.

**If you wish to meet with your Conference Chair or an advocate to discuss your conference or anything else, please let your social worker know, or you can ring the Conference Chair on 01942 634530 or Advocacy Service on 01204 546087 at their office.**

# HOW TO USE THIS PACK



## Step 1

Your social worker will tell you about your child protection conference and why it is happening. They will let you know how important it is that you have your say.

This booklet helps you to do that.

Your social worker will explain what's in the booklet, how to use it and can also help you to fill it in.



## Step 2

You can write things down to let your social worker know what is happening for you.

You can complete the booklet on your own or ask somebody you trust to help you and write things down for you.

The things you write down will be given to the person who is running the conference (the Conference Chair) and they will make sure the people at the conference, including your parents or carers, know what you think. Apart from the conference chair, the only people who will see your booklet will be you, your social worker or the person who helped you to complete the booklet.



## Step 3

If you don't want to attend the conference, your nominated professional will tell you what happened, what decisions were made and what happens next.

They will also tell you more about what the people at the conference said needed to happen.

# MY INFORMATION

It is important that the people at the conference know about you and what is important to you. You can let them know by completing the following forms.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who do you live with: \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference date: .....

If I was worried about something I can talk to (Please ✓)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends       | <input type="checkbox"/> GP      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |

If you have ticked 'other' please write who this is:

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## People who are important to me:

They might be your Mum or Dad, Aunts or Uncles, friends or neighbours, teachers or other people who may help you.



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at home?

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Do you wish  
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**SOMETIMES ADULTS DON'T KNOW WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE OR HOW TO CHANGE IT – YOU CAN HELP THEM BY WRITING DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN DO TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR YOU**    *You don't have to fill them all in!*

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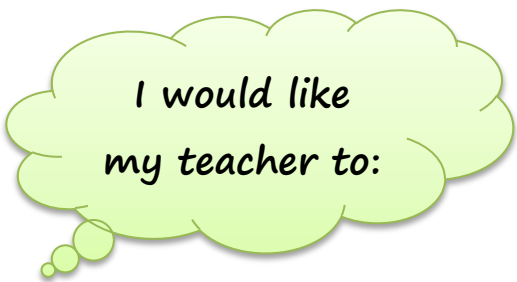
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IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE SUCH AS FRIENDS, GRANDPARENTS, NEIGHBOURS OR OTHER PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP TO MAKE THINGS BETTER? *It is ok if you cannot think of anybody else.*

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PLEASE USE THE SPACE BELOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE PEOPLE AT THE CONFERENCE TO KNOW

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## LETTING YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED



Even if you choose to attend the conference, it is important that you fully understand the things which were discussed and any decisions that have been made.

In order to do this, you can nominate a professional who attends your conference to write down what happened and what decisions were made. This can then be discussed after the meeting.

*After my conference/review I want .....  
to tell me what was decided and explain what is going to  
happen next.*

*At the end of my review it was decided that:*

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