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A Child Protection Conference is a meeting where people from agencies that know your family, come together to share information when they think that you may not be safe. You may have been or are hurt on purpose by someone or live in ways that may hurt you in the future.



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So that people can come together and discuss what's happened or could happen to you (or your brothers and sisters) and decide if

anything needs to be done to keep you safe.

## Why is it happening to me?

To make sure you are safe. **THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT.**



WHERE?

Where will I be?  
Where is it going to  
happen?

## Where will I be?


If you are old enough and you want to go to the meeting you can. Your social worker will talk to you about being there. You don't have to stay for the whole meeting. If you want to bring someone with you, let your social worker know. If you don't want to go to the meeting your social worker will help you find other ways you can tell us what you think. You might do a tape, draw a picture, write something down or anything else you can think of.

If you don't come to the meeting your social worker will tell you what has been decided.

**WHAT YOU SAY IS IMPORTANT TO US**

## Where and when is it going to happen?

It will depend on where you live and where a room is available. The meeting will be within the next 3 weeks but no longer than that, and it will last for about 2 hours.



Who will be  
there?

Who will be listening?

## Who will be there?

- Your parents, carers or other family members and sometimes you
- Your social worker
- People who know you and your family like your teacher, doctor, school nurse, youth worker
- Other people you won't know like the 'chair'

the person in charge of the meeting and people who may help your family in the future

## Who will be listening?

Everyone at the meeting and anyone else you want to tell. Staff, your parents, foster carers, your grandparents, youth workers, your friends, childline, the NSPCC.



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# What could happen to me?

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After the meeting we may decide that things are OK but your family needs some help that we will give.

We may decide that you are not safe without a Child Protection Plan. This is a Plan of what different people will do to try

to keep you safe. We will ask what you think about the Plan and who will help you.

Sometimes we may think it is not safe for you to stay at home. We may advise that you live with someone else such as other family members, friends or foster carers.



## Contact telephone numbers

### Young people

**Children's Social Care** - telephone book for your local department  
**Children's Social Care** - Nottinghamshire Emergency Duty Team out of hours service  
Tel 0115 8447333

**NSPCC helpline** 0808 800 5000

**Children's Legal Centre** 0800 783 2187

**Childline** [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**Kidscape** [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

**Young Minds** [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**Childnet International** [www.childnet-int.org.uk](http://www.childnet-int.org.uk)

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