

Part 1 - Professionals meeting

Purpose of meeting

This meeting is not formally chaired or minuted. The child protection coordinator will be meeting with the parents at the same time and will not be available to deal with professionals issues. You will of course have already supplied a copy of your report to the child protection coordinator at least 2 days in advance and shared the contents with the parents.

Sharing your report

You should have sufficient copies for all those professionals attending. Colleagues may ask for clarifications or explanations but this is not a formal meeting.

Reading

A chance to read the reports of other agencies attending the meeting. This is important as it allows you to develop an understanding of the bigger picture and develop your thinking for the second part of the meeting. Remember part 2 of the meeting will focus on risk, impact and planning.

Confidential information

In exceptional cases there will be information which cannot be shared with parents but which you may choose to share with professional colleagues. Any such information must have been shared with the Child Protection Coordinator in advance.

Diary management

Professionals should agree a likely date for a first core group

Are you ready for part 2?

In part 2 you will be joined by the child protection co coordinator and the parents. The meeting will follow a pattern which always seeks the parent's views first and then the professionals. The purpose of part 2 is to:

- Identify risks
- Consider the impact on the child(ren)
- Identify strengths
- Look at areas of disagreement or uncertainty
- Rate safety on a scale of 0-10
- Formulate an outline plan
- Determine whether this is a child protection or child in need plan