

# What do other children who have had FGCs Say?

“My FGC helped my family understand things and what needed to change”

My FGC was helpful. I had an advocate at the meeting and they helped me make my family understand how I felt about things”

## Any questions?

Lauren has helped Eddie answer his questions about FGCs. If you still have questions you can write these down for your facilitator here.

Your name:

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Facilitators name:

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Your questions:

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## Find out more

[www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk/FGC](http://www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk/FGC)

If you require this information in a different format please speak to your facilitator.

**FAMILY SOLUTIONS**

# Family Group Conference Service

Information for children



This is Eddie. His family have agreed to have a Family group conference (FGC).

Eddie is not sure what this means and has a lot of questions...

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# What is an FGC?

An FGC is a meeting for people close to you and your family. They help families to talk about problems they are having and how they can make things better.



## Who goes to an FGC?

You and your family will be asked who should go. This may be other people in your family or friends who want to help. Your social worker or strengthening families worker will come too.

## Where and when can you have an FGC?

FGCs happen at a time and place that work for your family.

## Can I come to the FGC?

You may be invited to come along to all, or part of the meeting. Your facilitator will ask you if there is anything you would like to say at the meeting. You can ask for an advocate to say this for you if you don't want to.



## They are the FGC facilitators

It is their job to tell Eddie and his family about the meeting. They can answer any questions Eddie or other children may have about FGCs.

## What happens at the meeting?

### Part 1

When everyone has arrived, your social worker or strengthening families worker will speak about why the FGC is happening. Your facilitator will make sure the meeting goes well, and that everyone has a chance to speak and ask questions.

### Part 2

Your facilitator and social worker or strengthening families worker will leave the room to let your family talk in private. Together they will make a plan to make things better. They don't have to rush and they can take breaks.

### Part 3

When your family are ready, your facilitator and social worker or strengthening families worker will come back in. Everyone will look at the plan, talk about how they will make it work and agree it is what they want. Everyone will get a copy and your social worker or strengthening families worker will continue to support your family to see how the plan is working.