



What happens after the meeting?

If it is decided that a child protection plan is needed to keep you safe, the plan will set out what needs to be done to protect you and who could help and support you. It will also suggest ways your family can be helped.

The people involved in the plan will meet regularly to talk about how the plan is working and to check that you are happy, safe and well. This is called a Core Group.



Complaints

If you disagree with a conference decision about whether you are put on a Child Protection Plan, or what category it is, or you are unhappy about the way the conference was held, you can make a complaint by calling the CYP Customer Feedback Service on 01452 427032 or email cypfeedback@gloucestershire.gov.uk. You can ask your social worker or another adult to help you do this if you want.

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Young People's Guide to Child Protection Conferences

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What is a Child Protection Conference?

A Child Protection Conference is a meeting which happens when people are worried about how things are for you and your family. It brings together people who know you and your family.



Who will be there?

The only people at your conference will be those who know your family or who may be able to help you in the future. These may include:

- The Chair of the meeting
- Your parents
- A social worker
- Someone from your school
- A doctor or nurse
- A health visitor
- A police officer
- Other people who have worked with you or your parents



What will happen in the meeting?

In the meeting they will talk about:

- What is happening for you and your family
- How things are for you and your family
- Deciding the best ways to keep you safe and help you and your family. This may be through a 'Child Protection Plan'.



Can I have my say?

Yes you can. This can be done in three ways...

- Come to the meeting yourself
You may get an invitation to go to the meeting, although this might sound a bit frightening; remember everyone will be there to help you.
- Write something down
If you find it hard to talk, try writing down or even recording how you feel and giving it to your social worker to read out at the meeting.
- Tell someone who is going to the meeting
Talk to your social worker or someone who is going to the meeting so that he or she can report your views at the meeting.



Will I have to go?

If you are over 11 years old you may well be invited to attend. You do not have to go if you do not want to, but this would give you that chance to state your views.



Can I bring someone with me?

You can bring someone with you. This will often be your parent(s), or you can choose another safe adult. For example this could be another relative, friend of the family or you could ask for an advocate.



What is an advocate?

An advocate is someone who you can talk to and someone who will speak on your behalf, who knows about these meetings. If you would like an advocate speak to your Social Worker.