

Questioning Themes for Drafting a Words and Pictures Explanation

To draft a words and pictures explanation for the parents to bring to the children/young people whether its short or long form the professional prepares questions to ask the people closest to the children about:

1. Key Events

Child's Perspective

Parent's Perspective

Professional's Perspective

2. Worst events

Child's Perspective

Parent's Perspective

Professional's Perspective

3. Most Positive events

Child's Perspective

Parent's Perspective

Professional's Perspective

4. How have these events came about

Child's perspective

Parent's Perspective

Professional's Perspective

The best questions here are relationship questions asked with complete compassion for the parent's experience and story of their life asked with the while also holding the seriousness of the concerns.

In preparing the questions think about:

- *Child's perspective: what does child's most need to know, what have they been asking questions about, what might they have overheard? What questions has the child been asking? What are the questions that keep them awake at night?*
- *What might the child have decided about why all this has happened? What might they have overheard?*
- *What has the child been told about what's happened?*
- *Who are the best people that know the child best that we need to ask?*