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Family Group Conference (FGC) Service

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**Enabling families to gain control,
be heard and shape their own change**

What is a Family Group Conference (FGC)?



A Family Group Conference is a planning and decision-making meeting that is led by the family. The meeting is prepared with the support of an independent FGC Coordinator.

FGC's enable families and the people that support them (such as wider family members, friends and neighbours) to come together to offer help and problem solve. They allow all views to be heard as the group helps you make important decisions about the children and young people you care about.

The outcome of the meeting is to have a Family Plan that describes what parents, family members and friends can do to make sure the child/children are safe and their needs are met.

What is different about an FGC?

- An FGC is an entirely voluntary process. Consent to take part can be withdrawn at any time, but we hope you agree support from those that know you best is a good way forward.
- Everyone's views will be sought including the child/young person's view, thoughts and wishes.
- The FGC coordinator is independent and does not have any involvement in decision-making for the children.
- The family chooses who to invite to the conference.
- The family creates their own family plan that reflects their needs, views, and capabilities.
- The family and friends group make the decisions about what actions are needed to address the worries of children's services.

Easy as 1-2-3!

There are 3 stages to the FGC process.

1. Preparation.
2. The Meeting.
3. Review.

And 3 stages to the FGC meeting.

1. Information sharing.
2. Private Family time.
3. Agreeing the plan.

Use this space to write down any questions you have:



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