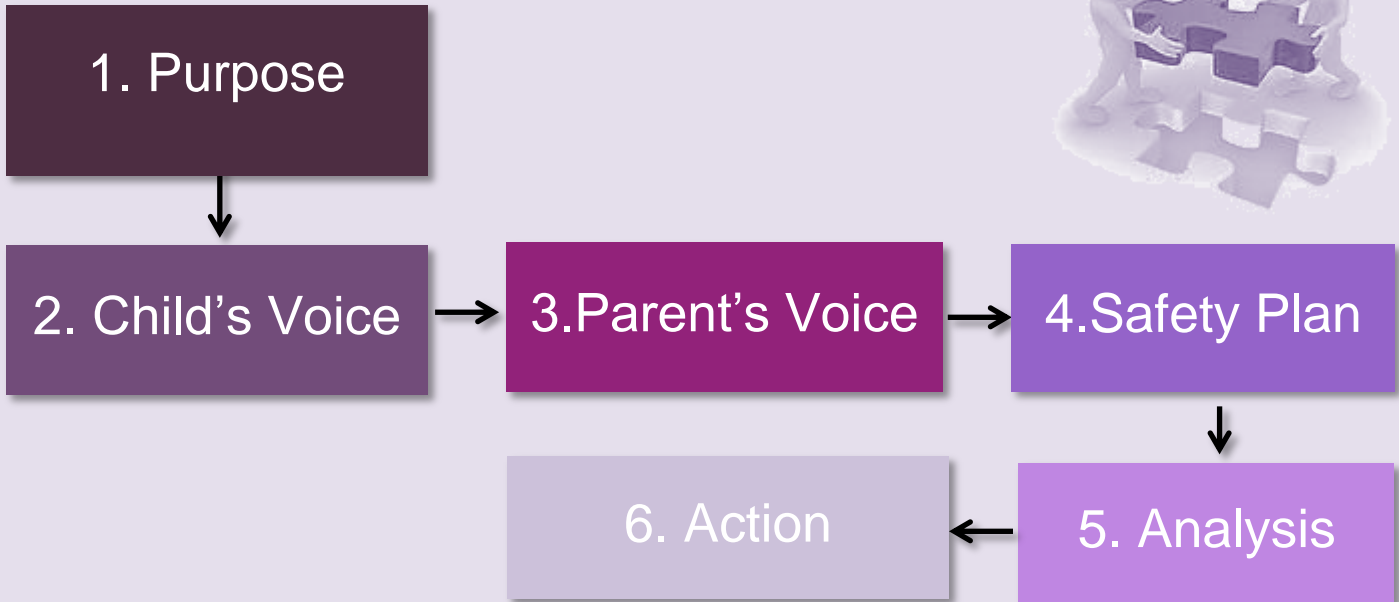


Purposeful Visiting Principles



Building Quality Visits

1. The purpose of the visit is clearly stated and linked to the reason for the assessment or plan
2. Direct work with the child is related to the purpose of the child's assessment and plan. This describes the child's lived experience and analyses impact on them. Direct work means both observations and talking to the child.
3. Direct work with parents (and other significant adults in the home), supports them to make necessary change that will progress the child's plan. Good direct work considers parental insight into risks & strengths and uses this to assess parental capacity for change.
4. The safety plan in place is reviewed with the family and amended based on new information and how the plan is progressing. For children in care this considers placement stability and permanence.
5. The anchor principles are used to analyse information from the visit; set out what the social worker has learnt; and the impact on the child. The social worker considers any "niggling" thoughts and feelings and is reflective about the potential for over optimism.
6. Actions are formed from the analysis which think about what needs to change for the child and actions have realistic timescales.