PROVIDING YOU WITH EXTRA SUPPORT FROM CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE



WHAT IS A SOCIAL WORKER AND WHY ARE THEY VISITING ME AND MY FAMILY?

Someone close to you, like a teacher or family member, has asked the Social Worker to visit because they are worried about you or a member of your family. It is your Social Worker's job to try to understand how they can help to make things better.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Your Social Worker will talk to you about the good things at home and the things that you might be worried about or want to change so that you feel safe and well. They will talk to the important people around you too – like your parents or carers, brothers and sisters, family members and other people who know you like teachers, doctors, nurses. You can ask your Social Worker to talk to someone in particular if you want.

Talking to everyone and making sure everyone has their say will take a few weeks. Then your Social Worker will write everything up in a report called an Assessment, which

they will give to you and your parents to look at.



children AT THE heart of all we do





WILL I BE ABLE TO STAY AT HOME?

Most children helped by social workers do stay at home or with their family members. Your Social Worker will work very hard with you and your family to make sure you are happy and safe.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

When the Assessment is finished, your Social Worker will talk to you and your family about what they think might help. If they think more help is needed they will arrange for you and your family to get this.

YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON

Social workers want help you and your family to be safer and happier. It's really important to have your say and to tell the Social Worker about what you think and how you feel. Please do tell them if you are unhappy or worried about anything that is happening. Your views are important and will help the Social Worker to do their job to help you.

It is important that you know that the information we have about you is kept safe. Sometimes we may have to share information about you with people such as school or the police to make sure that you are safe. If you want to see the information we have about you, ask your Social Worker.

Social Worker's name:

Contact details:

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