

WHY DO I HAVE A CHILD IN NEED PLAN?

Your parents or carers and other people who know you well, like your teachers, have agreed that your family needs some extra support to make sure everyone is safe and well.

Your Social Worker has put together a plan for your family that lists the things that people can do help make things better. Your parents or carers have a copy of the plan and can show you. You can only see the bits that are about you, though.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

People will start to put the plan into action. It may be that you spend extra time with a teacher or school nurse who knows you well, to talk about things. If your Social Worker thinks you need extra help, they may arrange with you to speak to another person who works with children and young people.

New people may come to your home to talk to your parents or carers too. They will always introduce themselves to you and explain who they are.

Your Social Worker will carry on visiting you regularly. They want you to be safe and well cared for and they will listen to you. It is their job to check on how things are going, and make sure the plan is working for you, so it's really important to tell them how you feel.

If your home is quite busy and noisy they might also spend time with you away from home, perhaps at school, to get some quiet time to talk about the things that are worrying people.



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WHAT IS A CHILD IN NEED REVIEW?

We need to check the plan (the work we are doing) regularly to make sure it is working and that people are doing what they said they would. All the people who are part of the plan should come to the Child in Need Review. Your parents or carers will be there, and as you are the most important part of the plan, it would be really good for you to be there too. If you want to come, your Social Worker will make sure the time and place are suitable for you.

It's very important to us that your wishes and feelings are heard during the meeting, so even if you don't want to be there, your Social Worker will ask you what you want to say and make sure it is shared in the meeting. If you prefer, you can ask any other person attending the meeting to speak on your behalf.

At the review we sign off, the actions in the plan that have been completed, and we add new ones if we need to.



‘WE HOPE THAT HAVING A CHILD IN NEED PLAN WILL HELP YOU BE HAPPIER...’

WHEN WILL THE CHILD IN NEED PLAN END?

When you, your parents or carers and the people around you are happy and the people around you are happy that your family can manage without a plan, your Social Worker will say goodbye and will stop visiting your family. You may carry on seeing some of the people that you have met as part of the plan, and your school may still have regular meetings to make sure the extra support for you or your brothers and sisters is working.

We hope that having a Child in Need Plan will help you be happier, healthier, safer and more able to get the best out of life.

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