



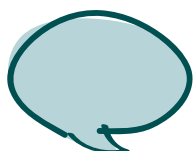
Child Protection Planning Meetings

A Guide for Children & Young People



What is a Child Protection Planning Meeting?

A Child Protection Planning Meeting is a meeting that is all about you and keeping you safe. Your Social Worker will explain the reasons why a Child Protection Planning Meeting has been arranged for you so that you understand why it is taking place.



Who will be there?

As well as you, someone you choose to support you and your parents/carers, there will be a mix of people you will know and people that you don't know. Your Social Worker, Headteacher or Guidance Teacher and School Nurse should all be there. A Police Officer is invited to all Child Protection Planning Meetings, usually they will come in ordinary clothes, not a uniform.





Where does the meeting take place?

Child Protection Planning Meetings are usually held in person in an office and you will be told the details beforehand. Your Social Worker can let you know what the plans are for the day and the best way for you to attend.



Do I have to attend the Meeting?

No. You don't have to go to the Child Protection Planning Meeting if you don't want to. It is important that your views are heard in the meeting, so your views will be written down and shared for you if you don't want to attend.



Am I allowed to bring someone along with me?

If you decide to come along, it's really good to bring someone with you. Your Social Worker can arrange for you to be supported by an Independent Advocacy Worker or someone you choose to attend with you, this could be another adult or a family member.



What decisions can be made at the meeting?

The meeting will decide if your name should be added to Fife's Child Protection Register. The Child Protection Register is a list of children and young people who have plans in place to keep them safe and protected.

The Register is completely confidential, this means it is private therefore only a small group of people will know your name is on the Register.

The person who chairs the meeting will decide whether a referral should be made to the Scottish Children's Reporter Administration. If this happens, they will explain to you why they will make this referral, and your Social Worker will answer any questions you have about the referral after the meeting.

A key aspect of a Child Protection Planning Meeting is creating a Child Protection Plan which details what everyone, including your parents or carers, needs to do to help ensure you are cared for and kept safe.

If your name is not added to Fife's Child Protection Register, a Plan will be still created to ensure that you and your family get the help and support you need.



What if I am not happy with the decisions made?

It is important to advise your Social Worker or Advocacy Worker what you think and how you feel after the meeting. Let them know if you are not happy about the decision that has been made about you.

If you still feel the decision is wrong, you can tell the Reviewing Officer who will decide if the decision needs to be looked at again.



What happens after the meeting?

If your name is added to Fife's Child Protection Register, another meeting called a Core Group Meeting will take place within 15 working days. This is a core group of people who will meet regularly with you and your parents or carers to ensure the Child Protection Plan is making a difference and make any changes that are needed to make sure that you are kept safe and protected. There will then be a Core Group Meeting at least every 4 weeks whilst your name is on the Register.

A Review Child Protection Planning Meeting will be held after 6 months to consider if the Child Protection Plan is working and whether your name should remain on the Register or can be taken off.



I am still not sure what all of this means. Who can help me to understand?

If you feel you need further information or support, please get in touch with your Social Worker or Advocacy Worker.

My Social Worker name

Their contact number

My Advocacy Worker name

Their contact number

Other useful contacts

Social Work Contact Centre

- Tel: 03451 55 15 03
- Social Work Out of office hours
If you need to speak to someone urgently
please call 03451 55 00 99

Police Scotland

- Tel: 101 or 999



NHS Fife

School nurse health hub for young people

- www.nhsfife.org/schoolhealthhub

Barnardos Children's Rights and Advocacy Service

- Tel: 01592 651482
- Email - fifeservices@barnardos.org.uk
- Fife - Children's Rights and Advocacy Service
| Barnardo's (barnardos.org.uk)

Childline

- Tel: 0800 1111
- www.childline.org.uk



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