

What is a Child Protection Plan?

A child protection plan is a working tool that should enable you, your family and professionals involved to understand what is expected from you and what you can expect from each other.

The aims of the plan are:

- To keep your child or children safe
- To promote their welfare
- To support their wider family to care for them as appropriate

It is the responsibility of the core group, which will include you as the family, to agree the plan which is largely drafted at the case conference. It is the role of the key worker to co-ordinate the plan, including keeping the child up to date with the plan and finding out what their views are.

An effective plan will:

- Identify any further assessment needed
- Identify the main causes of the harm to the child, based on assessment so far
- Set out specific and achievable child-focused outcomes, both long and short term and agree a date to review these outcomes
- Set out what both the family and workers involved need to do to prevent the child suffering harm
- Set out which workers will be working with the family to ensure the child is safe and developing appropriately
- Include a contingency or back up plan if the plan is agreed to be not working.

Important Contacts

Key Worker's name:

Key Worker's number:

Social Worker's Name:

Social Worker's number:



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How is a Child Protection Plan made?

If at the Initial Conference a decision is made that your family will benefit from a Child Protection Plan. An outline plan is agreed and a Core Group is identified. The Core Group should meet with you within ten working days of the Conference to agree a detailed Child Protection Plan, and regularly thereafter according to the agreed plan in order to facilitate working together, monitor actions and outcomes against the Child Protection Plan and make any necessary alterations as circumstances change.



What is a Core Group?

The Core group includes the professional who needed to work with you and your family. It is likely to include parents/carers, a social worker, a teacher from school or a nursery nurse, a health visitor or school nurse and any other professional in regular contact with your family.

It is vital that you attend the Core Group Meetings because without your involvement the changes that need to occur to keep your child safe and improve their life chances can not be achieved. It is also recognised that as a parent you can make an important contribution in helping the professionals understand your family situation. Your thoughts and feelings are valued.

If my Child has a Child Protection Plan...

- Know what the child protection plan says and what you have to do
- Know who is involved and how to contact them
- Meet with those involved in the plan regularly and ask questions as needed
- Attend all child protection conferences and core group meetings and where possible arrange child care
- Discuss written reports with the professionals involved before the meeting whenever possible
- When you don't understand ask questions