

# Useful telephone numbers

**Children's Social Care** 0845 644 4313

Early Intervention & Family Support Team, Family Support 0161 475 6700

**Childline** 0800 1111 (call free – open 24 hours, 7 days a week).

Childline provides a free confidential telephone consulting service for any child with any problem.

**NSPCC** 0800 800 5000 (call free – open 24 hours, 7 days a week).

**National Youth Advocacy Service** 0800 616 101

(call free Mon-Fri 9am – 7pm, Sat & Sun 9am – 1pm).

A free interpreting service is available if you need help with this booklet / leaflet.

Please telephone Stockport Interpreting Unit on 0161 477 9000.

E-mail: eds.admin@stockport.gov.uk

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如你需要他人為你解釋這小冊子/單張的內容，我們可提供免費的傳譯服務，  
請致電 0161 477 9000 史托波特傳譯部。

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This leaflet explains why Children's Social Care, are involved with your family and how they carry out their responsibilities to safeguard you. If you would like it in large print, on audio tape, in Braille or on disk please contact 0161 474 4813 (textphone 0161 474 4619)



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### Why are people worried about me?

People get worried if they think children and young people are not being well cared for or if they are being harmed in any way or are at risk of being harmed.

### What is a child protection conference?

A child protection conference is a meeting of people who will talk about how best to keep you safe and well. It is important for them to know what you think and what you want to happen.

### Who goes to child protection conferences?

Your parents or the people who look after you and your social worker, teacher, school nurse or youth worker. Other people who may not have met you or your family may also be there. Your social worker will explain who they are and what they do. The police usually attend all child protection conferences to give useful information.

There will be someone there to take notes called minutes. Everyone who is there gets a copy of these through the post.

### Can I go?

If you want to go, you will be able to attend for some of the meeting. It is important people know how you feel about what is happening in your life.

You may want to go to the meeting but feel a bit worried or upset. If so, talk to your social worker, your teacher or another adult who you trust. You will be able to have someone you know with you at the meeting to give you support or perhaps speak for you. You will also be able to have an interpreter if you need one. Before you go it may help to write down what you would like to say or fill in the consultation form with this leaflet. Your social worker will help you with this if you want them to.

## Do I have to go?

You do not have to go if you do not want to but, the people who are there need to know what you are worried about and what you would like to change. So, you could fill in the consultation form, make a tape or email the chairperson at [cpu@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:cpu@stockport.gov.uk)

## What happens at the conference?

You will meet the person in charge of the meeting before it starts. This person is called the chairperson and s/he will explain how the meeting will be arranged and listen to any concerns you may have. When the meeting starts you will be introduced to the other people.

They will talk about any worries they have about you or your family and will hear what you think about these worries. The meeting will decide if there is a risk to you or any other children in your family.

The people at the meeting might decide that you are not at risk of being harmed. If this happens they will offer you and your family help and support.

If they decide you are at risk of being harmed they can plan how to help you and your family. This is called a Child Protection Plan. All the people involved in your life, including your parents will work on certain bits of the plan to try to make things better or safer for you.

**REMEMBER all the people at the meetings will look at ways of keeping you safe and happy at home.**

Young people are only moved away from home occasionally. If this has to happen then it is best done with the agreement of your parents. Sometimes parents can't agree about this and the social worker will have to get the permission of a court.

If the people at the meeting think a crime has been committed against you they will ask the police to investigate.

## What happens after the conference?

Your social worker will talk to you about what happens next and answer any questions you may have.

The people involved in your Child Protection Plan will meet regularly to look at how the plan is working and to check that you are happy, safe and well. This is called a Core Group and you will be invited to attend.

Within three months, a Child Protection Review Conference will be held to decide whether or not you still need a Child Protection Plan. You can go to these meetings too if you want. If you choose not to go, you will need to let the meeting know what you feel and what you want to happen. The review meetings will continue until it is decided you no longer need a Child Protection Plan.

## What if I'm still worried?

During the time your social worker is involved with you and your family S/he will have to see you on your own. S/he will make sure you understand what is happening and answer your questions. They will also make sure you get the chance to talk about how you feel and what you would like to happen.

## Complaints

If you are unhappy about the decisions taken at the meeting or about the help you have been given first talk to your social worker. If you are still not happy you can fill in and post the form included with this leaflet.

The Children's Rights Service can also support you with your complaint. Your social worker can give you their phone number.

## Independent Help & Advice

The Family Rights Group can provide free, confidential advice and they publish a much fuller guide to child protection procedures.

The telephone advice service is available:

Monday – Friday 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Freephone 0800 731 1696

You can also email [advice@frg.org.uk](mailto:advice@frg.org.uk)