

A Guide to Child Protection Planning Meetings in Perth and Kinross

Information and advice leaflet
for children and young people



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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 special Police Officer is invited to all Child Protection Planning Meetings and will come in ordinary clothes, not a uniform.

Where will the Child Protection Planning Meeting take place?

Child Protection Planning Meetings are mainly held virtually through Microsoft teams but some meetings can be held in person in an office. Your Social Worker will discuss the arrangements for the meeting with you and the best way for you to attend.

Do I have to go to the Child Protection Planning Meeting?

No. You don't have to go to the Child Protection Planning Meeting if you don't want to or if you feel it would be too upsetting. If you don't attend your Social Worker will make sure your views are known.





Am I allowed to bring someone with me to the Child Protection Planning Meeting?

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 a Children's Right's Officer.

What if I don't want to go to the Child Protection Planning Meeting?

It is very important that the Child Protection Planning Meeting knows what you think is happening in your life. Your Social Worker will speak with you about what you think and how to share your views. You might like to write a letter or draw a picture to let people know what you think. Your Social Worker will help you with this.

What can be decided at a Child Protection Planning Meeting?

The Child Protection Planning Meeting will decide if your name should be added to the **Child Protection Register**. This is a list of children and young people who need to have special plans in place to make sure that they are kept safe and protected from harm. The Register is confidential which means it is private so only a small group of workers will know your name is on the Register.

The Chairperson must think about whether a referral should be made to the Reporter to the Children's Hearing about you. If this happens, the Chairperson will explain why and will ask your Social Worker to spend time going over this with you.

One of the most important things that a Child Protection Planning Meeting does is to make a **Child Protection Plan** showing what





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everyone, including your parents or carers, needs to do to make sure that you are cared for and kept safe.

If the Child Protection Planning Meeting decides that your name should not be added to the Register, a Plan will still be made to make sure that you and your family get the help and support you need.

What happens if I am not happy with the decision made by the Child Protection Planning Meeting?

Let your Social Worker know what you think and how you feel. Let him/her know that you are not happy about the decision that has been made about you.

What happens after the Child Protection Planning Meeting?

If your name is added to the Register, a **Core Group Meeting** will take place within 15 days. This is a smaller group of people who will meet regularly with you and your parents or carers to check whether the Child Protection Plan is working and make any changes that are needed to make sure that you are kept safe and protected. There will be a Core Group Meeting every 4 weeks that 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 stay on or could be taken off the Register.





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

Please get in touch with your Social Worker whose details are at the end of this booklet. You can also ask your Social Worker to put you in touch with other people who can help, or you can get in touch with them yourself.





Who else may be able to help me?

- **Perth and Kinross Children and Youth Rights Officer**
Text 07584 616818
Tel 01738 474584
Email youthrights@pkc.gov.uk
www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17674/Children-and-youth-rights-information
- **Independent Advocacy Perth and Kinross**
Tel 01738 587887
Email info@iapk.org.uk
- **Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland**
Tel 0800 019 1179
Email inbox@cypcs.org.uk
www.cypcs.org.uk
- **Scottish Child Law Centre**
Freephone for under 21s - Tel 0300 330 1421
Email advice@sclc.org.uk
www.sclc.org.uk
- **Young Scot**
Tel 0808 801 0338
Email info@young.scot
www.youngscot.org
- **Childline**
Tel 0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk





Further help and support

The name of your Social Worker/lead professional is:

Their telephone number is:



Child Protection Duty Team (24 hours)

Tel 01738 476768

www.pkc.gov.uk/childprotection

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