

**When will the Child Protection Plan no longer be needed?**

When the group who are working with you decide that you are no longer at risk from harm, they will decide that a Child Protection Plan can be discontinued.



**We also have a leaflet entitled:-**

**"Your Child, Child Protection Conferences . A Guide for Parents in Warwickshire".**



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# GOING TO A CHILD

## PROTECTION

## CONFERENCE OR

## REVIEW CONFERENCE

### A Guide for Young People

*Do you want to be part of the group of people who make decisions about your future? Then you probably have some questions about the conference you have been invited to.*



### **What is a Child Protection Conference?**

It is a meeting of people directly concerned with you and your family, such as Schools, Health, and Children Services, to look at what has happened to you, and whether you need a plan to protect you in the future.



### **Who Will be There?**

There is usually a person from each of the agencies that have contact with you and your family. This may be a teacher, health visitor, GP, social worker, and possibly a probation officer or police officer.

### **Will my Parents be There?**

Normally, yes, but if you have had a problem with one or other or both parents, it can be arranged that they are not in the conference room at the same time as you (or in the same waiting room as you).

### **Who will Know me and my situation**

Only the people at the meeting and their managers. They must all keep the things they hear confidential, and they would be in serious trouble if they did not.

### **Can I bring Someone to the Conference?**

Yes, you can bring a friend. However there is an Advocacy Service whose role is to support young people who wish to take part in the Conference process. Your Social Worker should always ask you whether you want an advocate to support you and, if you do, will ensure that the Advocacy service is contacted.

### **Will I be able to Talk at the Conference**

Yes, the chairperson, who will have spoken to you will ask you during the Conference if there is anything you would like to say.

### **How Long Will it Last?**

Conferences usually last 1-1½ hours, although some are longer and some are shorter.

### **Will I Have to Stay for all of it?**

No, at a point in the meeting, after you have spoken if you want to, the chairperson will ask if you would mind waiting in another room with your friend or advocate.

### **What Happens at the End of the Meeting?**

If the people at the Conference decide you need A Child Protection Plan to protect you from any harm, this will be agreed. The plan is put into action by your social worker, who is then called the Keyworker. If the conference decides that you do not need a Child Protection Plan, Children's Services may still offer you help.



### **What is a Child Protection Plan?**

If a decision is made that you need a child protection plan, it means that a plan to protect you has been made in your name. Only professionals working with you or your family directly are allowed to know that you have a protection plan. Information about child protection plans is kept confidential by the Children's Reviewing Team, who chair the conferences.