

NOTES

THE CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCE



A Leaflet for Parents

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WHAT IS IT?

- It is a meeting held because someone is worried about your child
- If they think your child may be being harmed they may say the child is '**at risk**'
- You can usually come to the meeting;
- People there will want to know how you feel, if you are not invited your social worker will explain why
- You can bring a friend, family member or lawyer with you to support you
- They can help explain things if you don't understand
- Another meeting will be held within three months to discuss if the situation has improved
- If the core group decide things have improved, the plan may change or may not be needed any more
- It is important that you work with the social worker and other people involved
- If you are not happy, you can talk to your social worker or someone else that has supported you at the meeting
- You can make a complaint if you think the meeting was not run properly
- The Advocacy Service at the Peterborough Council for Voluntary Service may be able to help you



PLANS

There are two sorts of plans:

1. The meeting may feel your child is '**at risk**' so they will make a '**Child Protection Plan**'
2. If they feel there is less of a risk, the meeting may decide your child needs a '**Child In Need Plan**'



- The social worker will visit you to talk about what is best for your child
- A small group of people, called a 'core group' will meet regularly to talk about your child's plan made at the meeting
- You and your social worker will usually be part of the core group

IF YOU CAN'T/DON'T WANT TO COME:

- You can tell someone that is going to the meeting how you feel
- You can write something down
- You can send a tape recording



- People will then know how you feel
- After the meeting you will be told what was decided

WHO WILL BE AT THE MEETING?

People at the meeting may include:

- Social Worker
- Health Visitor
- Nurse
- Teacher
- Police Officer



Other people you know may send information to the meeting e.g:

- Hospital/Doctors notes:



All the Information is private and will only be seen by people at the meeting;

- The meeting is run by a **'Child Protection Co-ordinator'**
- The Co-ordinator will explain what will happen in the meeting before it starts
- They will introduce everyone to each other and explain why the meeting is being held
- People at the meeting will talk about your family and if need be, they will make a **plan** to help you and keep your child safe