

## Explaining Child Protection



Child protection means that a child or young person needs help from someone outside of the family to keep them safe from significant harm.



Significant harm means your child is at risk of physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or neglect.

Neglect means you find it hard to care for your child's health, home or keep them safe.



There will be a child protection conference. At the conference there will be professionals who are working with your family.



Conference  
Chair

A conference chair's job is to make sure the conference runs well and that everyone is listened to and has their voice heard.

The conference chair will decide if your child is at significant risk of harm and if a child protection plan is needed. They will explain why the plan is needed and under what category. This could be neglect or abuse.



4-6 weeks

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday

If your child is on a child protection plan, you will have core group meetings every 4-6 weeks.



In these meetings everyone will look at the child protection plan to see how the plan is working and if changes are needed.

## What is a Child Protection Plan?



This is the plan written by the social worker and other professionals at the conference.



The plan will have a list of jobs for you to do and jobs for others to do to keep your child happy, healthy, and safe.



The plan will say how long these jobs should take.



The plan will look at what is working well for your family. The plan will also look at what might not be going so well and what support you might need.



A child protection plan is very important. It is best to work with children's social care to get the help and support that your child needs.



After the child protection conference there will be reviews to decide if your child needs to stay on the plan or not.



The first review conference will be in 3 months and then they will happen every 6 months.