



If children's social care are worried that your child is unsafe and at risk of significant harm they may apply to the court to ask for an Interim Care Order.



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.



Judge

A judge will decide if they agree with children's social care that your child needs to be on an Interim Care Order.



An Interim Care Order means that you will share parental responsibility for your child with children's social care.



Order

An Interim Care Order is temporary order that lasts until the end of the court proceedings or until another order is in place.



If your child is on an Interim Care Order, children's social care can make big decisions for your child. For example, they can decide where your child has to live, even if you do not agree with this. This could be with a foster carer or another family member.