

YOUR VOICE



A Child Protection Conference is a meeting to think about your family. All the people at the meeting will think about what is going well and what they are worried about. Then they decide if there should be a plan, which involves everyone, to make sure you will be safe and well.

What you think about your family situation matters a lot.

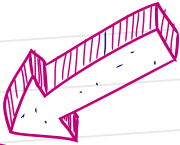
This information is about how you can get your point of view across to the people at the meeting.

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Call: 0330 222 8686

HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE CONFERENCE


Here Are a Few OPTIONS



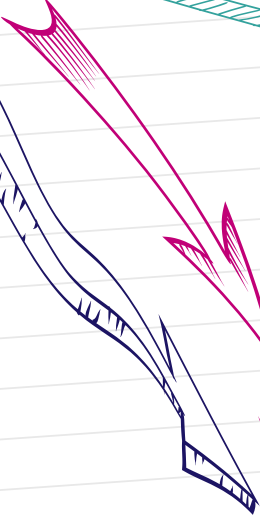
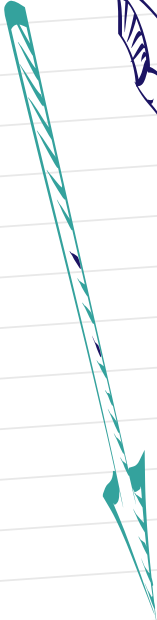
Meet the Chair
before the
conference starts,
by myself or with
an advocate



Put my views into
words or pictures -
perhaps with an
advocate or my
social worker



Go to the
conference with an
advocate or by
myself.



I understand my
options and I don't
want to give my views
at the moment.

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This Child Protection Conference is about your situation so we want your thoughts and feelings to be included.



Make a video and email it to my social worker or give my views using MOMO

Talk to the Chair on the phone with my advocate or by myself.

Ask an advocate to go and say my views, then tell me what's said afterwards

my notes:

What's what and who's who:

- Advocate:** Person who listens to me, who can speak on my behalf if I ask them to. This could be an adult you already know and trust.
- Chair:** The person leading the meeting.
- Conference:** My Child Protection Conference.
- MOMO:** A free App that helps children express their views.

MOMO  **One**
MIND OF MY OWN

HOW WILL AN ADVOCATE HELP?

- An advocate is a neutral person who works for you to help you get your point of view across.
- They will start by listening and can help you in lots of ways – from helping you prepare to speak to professionals or at the conference, to speaking on your behalf.

AT THE CONFERENCE

- Your advocate is guided by you, so they will say what you have agreed together and they will stay at the conference with you or for the time you would have been there (if you've decided not to go).
- They won't tell other people what you told them unless you want them to, or unless they think you or someone else are not safe.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

- The advocate can phone you or meet up with you to tell you what is agreed at the conference.
- Tell your advocate if you think your views were listened to and included in the plans. If there is something to follow up on after that, your advocate can help you with that.
- If there is another conference, the advocate can help you take part again.