



During the process described in this leaflet you, as the parent or carer, have a right:

- to have your views heard and respected
- to be kept informed and involved (where this does not place a child at risk)
- to seek legal advice
- to have your racial, religious and cultural background and that of your child considered
- to have an interpreter if needed
- to bring a friend for support. Remember that personal information about your family will be shared at the conference, including details of any criminal convictions, and anyone who comes with you will hear this information.

What the professionals need from you to ensure the best outcome for your child:

- honesty and co-operation

Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)

is a multi-agency body that oversees children's services to promote the welfare of children. The Board works to ensure that partners, from both the statutory and voluntary sector eg. Police & Brent Primary Care Trust are working together effectively. The role of the LSCB includes monitoring services and ensuring appropriate policies, training and information is in place.

For more information contact Brent LSCB at

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Chesterfield House 9 Park Lane Wembley HA9 7RW
Tel: 020 8937 4237 Fax: 020 8937 4286
Website: www.lscb.org.uk

Useful Contacts

Brent Children and Families - Social Care
020 8937 4875 / 020 8937 4744

Social Care Out of Hours Duty Team
020 8863 5250

Brent Health Safeguarding Children Team
020 8795 6397

Police Child Abuse Investigation Team
020 8937 4703/4854

Childline
0800 1111

NSPCC
0808 800 5000

Family Rights Group
0800 731 1696

If you would like this information in another language, large print, Braille, on disk or audio tape, or with pictures & symbols, please contact Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board on the details above.

What is a Child Protection Conference?

Contact details of social worker

Name.....

Telephone





What is it?

A **Child Protection Case Conference** is a meeting to talk about a child and their safety and welfare.

Why is it arranged?

It is arranged following a Child Protection Enquiry when Social Care believe that the child has been harmed or is at risk of ongoing harm.

Who will be there?

- Parents or carers of the child
- Any workers involved with the family such as teachers, doctors, school nurses, social workers and health visitors.
- The child may attend if it is felt appropriate
- The Chair who will direct the meeting and meet you prior to the conference to explain the process

Before the conference you will be given information and support. The social worker will tell you what is likely to be said at the conference. None of the information presented should be a surprise to you.

What will be discussed?

The meeting will share information about the child and any other information about the family that has been gathered during the Child Protection Enquiry.

You will be given the opportunity to share your views.

It will then decide if the child needs a **child protection plan**.

What is a child protection plan?

A Child Protection Plan explains what needs to happen and who will be responsible for these actions in order to keep your child safe. It will be written down and given to all the involved people including parents or carers.

What happens next?

There will be regular meetings called **Core Group Meetings** to make sure that the work is being completed. You, as the parent or carer, will be involved in these meetings.

It is very important that you work together with the agencies to ensure your child's wellbeing.

After three months (and then every six months if needed) a **Review Child Protection Conference** will be arranged. If the agencies think that your child is no longer at risk then there will be no need for a further child protection plan. You may still receive support from Social Care and other agencies.

