

#### A Guide for Young People on Child Protection Enquiries This leaflet tells you what it means when we

# make Child Protection Enquiries

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Sometimes young people are hurt by others on purpose, or live in ways that can harm them. We call this child abuse. Child protection is all the things that are done to stop this happening.

#### What does making enquiries mean?

It means that we have to talk to you and people that know you and your family like your teacher, youth worker or doctor so that we know if you are safe.

### What's going to happen to me?

It depends on what people tell us.

#### What's next?

We may do nothing if we think you are safe, or your family might be offered help, or we may have a meeting if we are worried you are not safe, called a conference.

# Who's Listening?



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Everyone who talks to you will be listening to you. What YOU say is very important to us.



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Your family will be with you if we think you are safe. If the person we think has hurt you lives with you they may be asked to move out until we have talked to everyone.

### Where will I go?

If it is not safe at home you may need to stay with other family members, friends or foster carers until we have talked to everyone.

## Why is it happening to me?



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It is happening to you because we need to make sure you are safe. But none of this is your fault.



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It is happening now and we will tell you if anything else needs to happen.



#### Who can I talk to to find out more?

Either talk to your social worker, or use one of the following contact telephone numbers:

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

 Contact Centre
 0300 500 80 80

 Out of hours
 0300 456 45 46

NOTTINGHAM CITY SOCIAL CARE 0115 876 5600

NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

Coram Children's Legal Centre 0808 802 0008
Childline www.childline.org.uk

0800 11 11

Kidscape www.kidscape.org.uk
Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

Childnet International www.childnet.com

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