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A Child Protection Conference is a meeting where people from agencies that know you or your family, come together to share information when they think that you may not be safe. You may have been hurt on purpose by someone or live in ways that may hurt you in the future.



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So that people can come together and discuss what's happened or could happen to you (or your

brothers and sisters) and decide if anything needs to be done to keep you safe.

Why is it happening to me?

To make sure you are safe. **THIS IS NOT YOUR FAULT.**



Where will I be?

Where is it going to happen?


Where will I be?

If you are old enough and want to go to the meeting you can. Your social worker will talk to you about being there. You don't have to stay the whole meeting. If you want to bring someone with you, let your social worker know. If you don't want to go to the meeting your social worker will help you find other ways you can tell us what you think. You might do a tape, draw a picture, write something down or anything else you can think of.

WHAT YOU SAY IS IMPORTANT TO US. If you don't come to the meeting your social worker will tell you what has been decided.

Where and when is it going to happen?

It will depend on where you live and where a room is available. The meeting will be within the next 3 weeks but no longer than that, and it will last for about 2 hours.



Who will be there?

Who will be listening?

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- Your parents, carers or other family members and sometimes you
- Your social worker
- People who know you and your family like your teacher, doctor, school nurse, youth worker
- Other people you won't know like the 'chair' the person in charge of the

meeting and people who may help your family in the future

Who will be listening?

Everyone at the meeting and anyone else you want to tell, such as school staff, your parents, foster carers, your grandparents, youth workers, your friends, childline, the NSPCC .



What could happen to me?

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After the meeting we may decide that things are OK but your family needs some help that we will give.

We may decide that you are not safe without a Child Protection Plan. This is a Plan of what different people will do to

try to keep you safe. We will ask what you think about the Plan and the people who will help you.

Sometimes we may think it is not safe for you to stay at home. We may advise that you live with someone else such as other family members, friends or foster carers.



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
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Coram Children's Legal Centre	0808 802 0008
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Childline	www.childline.org.uk 0800 11 11
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Kidscape	www.kidscape.org.uk
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Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
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Childnet International	www.childnet.com
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