Information Leaflet for Children and their Families

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Dumfries And Galloway Child Protection Committee

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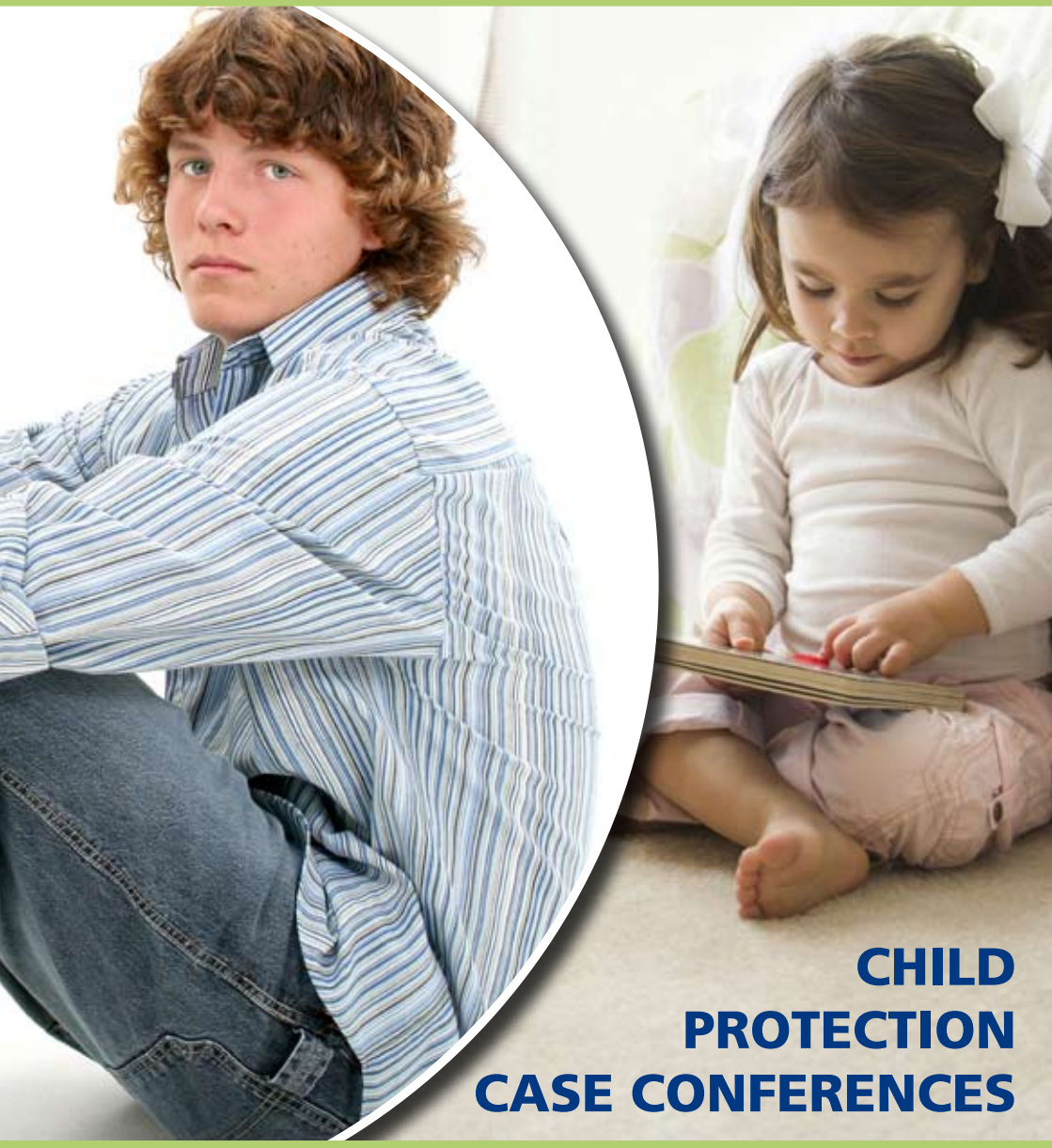

CHILD PROTECTION CASE CONFERENCES

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

If you have recently been involved in a Child Protection Inquiry you will have been given a leaflet explaining what happens.

As a result of that inquiry a decision could be made to have a meeting called a Child Protection Case Conference.

This leaflet is to help children and parents or carers understand what will happen when a Child Protection Case Conference is being held about the child or children.

Initial Child Protection Case Conferences

An Initial Child Protection Case Conference is a meeting where any professionals who are already involved with the family discuss the reasons for the Child Protection Inquiry and plan what supports can be put in place to keep the child safe. Parents and/or carers will always be involved in these meetings. Children will be involved where it is in their best interests - this will depend on their age, and understanding of the reasons for the meeting.

Other professionals may also be invited to the meeting if they have information about the inquiry or may be able to help.

This may include:

- Nursery staff
- Teacher
- Health Visitor
- Social Worker
- GP
- Police
- Housing Officer
- Youth Worker
- Worker from Voluntary Organisation

The meeting will be chaired by a Planning and Assessment Officer who will help those at the meeting to share information and come to decisions about what needs to happen next.

Those invited to attend will provide a report outlining how they know the family and what they think they can to do to help.

The child and the parent/carers can each bring someone to support them at this meeting, such as a family member, friend, or legal representative.

It is important that parents and children are involved in these meetings and their views listened to. They may want to write these down beforehand and present them to the meeting. If they need help to prepare this report

they should speak to someone such as a worker, family member, friend or legal representative.

At the meeting there will be a full discussion about why there are concerns. Everyone will have the chance to say what they think and to ask any questions.

When everyone has had the chance to speak and share their views, the Planning and Assessment Officer will help everyone to make sense of what they have heard and make decisions about what should happen next.

The child's health, safety and welfare will be the focus for any decisions made.

The meeting will ensure that where children and families need help the right supports will be put in place.

Decisions

At the Initial Child Protection Case Conference, a decision will be made about whether or not the child's name should be placed on the Child Protection Register.

This decision will be reached if it is agreed that the child is at risk of harm and/or neglect. If this is decided at the meeting, parents and children will receive a letter explaining the reasons and telling them what will happen next.

Please note that if this decision is made, this does not take away any parent's rights or responsibilities.

If a child or young person's name is placed on the Register a date will be agreed to review this decision within the next 6 months.

If a child's name is not placed on the Child Protection Register, the meeting may feel that help or support is still required and this will then be arranged.

Everyone who attends these meetings will be provided with a minute, which is a record of the discussion and the decisions taken.

All meetings concerning children and young people are confidential and information shared between agencies will be kept to those who need to know to make sure the child is kept safe.

If children or parents/carers disagree with any decisions or recommendations from the meeting, they have the right to ask for these to be reviewed. The Chair will explain what they need to do to go about this.

The leaflet, "Children on the Child Protection Register" explains more about what happens next.

If you would like to have a translation of this in your own language you should telephone the number below to request this, or get someone else to telephone on your behalf.

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如果你需要本資料的其他語言版本，請撥下面的電話號碼，或請他人代撥撥打。

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