

# Child Protection Conferences



Information for young people



# This leaflet explains what happens at a Child Protection Conference

## What is a child protection conference?

It's a meeting arranged by Children's Social Care if people are worried about your safety.

## Who will be there?

Your parents/carers will be invited. Your social worker, someone from your school, a chair person, a school nurse and other people who you may not know but who may have information about you and your family, eg doctor, police.

## What is it for?

To share information about you and your family and talk about what needs to be done to keep you safe. You can also have your say. The meeting cannot decide that you will live away from home. Only a court can do that!

## Can I go and bring a friend?

Your social worker will talk to you about whether it would be OK for you to go to all or part of the meeting. The main question to consider is would it be in your best interest? You can bring a friend for support though you would need to talk to your social worker about this beforehand.

## What will I get out of it?

You will get a chance to help work out a plan of action to make things safe for you.

**This is called a 'Child Protection Plan'.**

## Who will be told what happens?

**A child protection conference is confidential.**

This means that any information that is shared at the meeting can only be told to people working with you and your family to keep you safe if it's in your best interest.

## What can I do if I am not happy?

Although we listen to your views we can't always promise that what you want will be possible. If you are still not happy, then your social worker can tell you how to complain.



# Useful Numbers

- **Safeguarding Service**  
020 8547 5004 (office hours)
- **Services for Disabled Children**  
020 8547 6523 (office hours)
- **ASKK**  
020 8547 5888 (office hours)  
ASKK & Children's Information Service (CIS) are information sharing and information giving services providing advice and practical support to parents/carers, children and young people in Kingston.
- **YoungLivin'**  
Help and advice website for young people in Kingston.  
[www.younglivin.org.uk](http://www.younglivin.org.uk)
- **Information Dealers**  
Advice, support and help for young people in Kingston around any drugs and alcohol issues.  
[id@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:id@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)
- **Childline**  
0800 1111

**RBK Website: [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk)**

**My social worker is**

**Telephone Number**