

# Child Protection Planning Meeting

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## Questions and Answers for Children & Young People

**WHAT ARE CHILD  
PROTECTION PLANNING  
MEETINGS?**



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# Attending a Planning Meeting

## WHAT IS THIS MEETING ABOUT?

A Child Protection Planning Meeting has been arranged by Social Work because people are worried that you are not being kept safe or looked after properly

## WHO WILL BE AT THE MEETING?

At the meeting there will be people who know you well, like your parents or carers, your social worker and maybe your teacher, doctor or other workers that know you or your family

Can I attend the Planning Meeting?

Yes if you would like to

You should talk to an adult you trust and feel close to before you decide

If you don't want to attend but have something you would like to say, you can talk to the chairperson, write them a letter or use the 'my life my way' app



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# What happens at the Planning Meeting?

The people at the meeting will talk about the good things that happen to you and your family and also the worries. They will talk about how to make sure you and your family get the help you need. The meeting will decide if your name should go on a list called the **Child Protection Register**.

WHAT IS THE CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER?

It is a private list of children who need help to be kept safe or looked after properly. It is Social Work who keep this very carefully.

If someone like a doctor, a nurse, a teacher or the police is worried about a child, they can be told if their name is on the list.

If your name is on this list, people who work with you will know you need extra help to keep you safe and cared for.

These workers will make a plan for you called a **Protection Plan**. The plan will spell out what needs to be done to help you and your family be safer. Your social worker will share the plan with you, ask if it is working and listen to your views about it. This plan will be spoken about at a meeting, which is called a **Core Group Meeting**. If you are old enough to understand you will be invited to this meeting and the protection plan will be shared with you.

WILL MY NAME ALWAYS BE ON THE REGISTER?

Not if things have improved. Another planning meeting will be held within 6 months of the first, to talk about the protection plan. At that meeting it will be decided whether your name should come off the child protection register.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY NAME IS ON THE CHILD PROTECTION REGISTER

# REMEMBER

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THIS LIST IS PRIVATE.  
IT CAN HELP YOU KNOW  
WHO TO GO TO FOR  
HELP

IT IS THERE TO MAKE  
SURE WORKERS  
UNDERSTAND WHEN  
CHILDREN NEED EXTRA  
HELP AND PROTECTION

## Useful contact numbers

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Childline 0800 1111 / [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000 / [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Social Work 01595 744 420  
or when it's urgent at night time or  
weekends, call 01595 695611



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