

Once everyone has shared what they are worried about and what is working well, the Child Protection Advisor will ask professionals to decide if they think that you are at risk of being harmed. If they think that you are, even if you disagree, they will create a Safety Plan. This is called a Child Protection Plan. A Safety Plan will have actions that we need your parents, you (if you are old enough) and professionals to complete to make things better and help to keep you safer.

The Child Protection Advisor will then ask everyone to scale (from 1 to 10) how safe they think you are. 10 means that professionals think that you are very safe and we are not worried about you. 0 means that professionals are really worried about you.

It is really important to know that a Child Protection Conference cannot make the decision for you to live away from your parents.

## Child Protection Conferences

# information for children

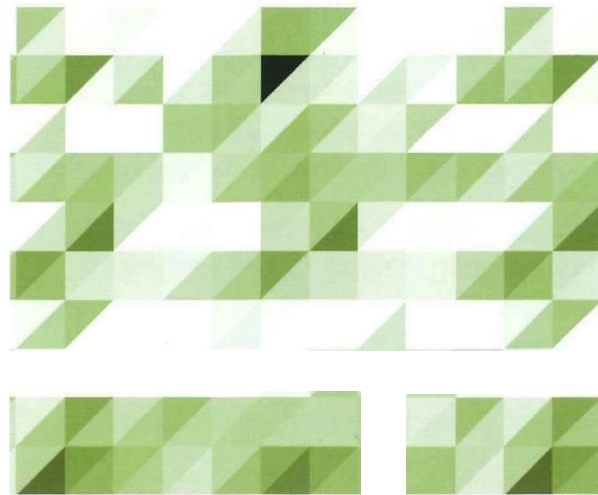
## Child Protection Conferences: information for children

**A Child Protection Conference is a meeting that takes place when the professionals helping your family are worried about either you or any of your brothers or sisters. It may be because something has happened which makes people worried, or it may be that the situation you are living in is not helping you be safe.**

People attend the Child Protection Conference to talk about you, any brothers and sisters and your parents. Your parents will be there to listen to what is said and to say what they think helps to keep you all safe. Other people who may attend are teachers, a school nurse or health visitor and someone from the Police.

The Child Protection Advisor is in charge of the meeting. This is the person you will meet before the conference (if you choose to come) and they will make sure that everybody has the opportunity to speak.

When the meeting starts, people (including your parents) will talk about their worries for you as well as what is going well for you at home and at school.



It's important that we know what you think is going well at home and school, and what you are worried about. There are lots of ways you can tell us this:

If you are over 12 years old you can come to the Child Protection Conference. Although you might not stay for the whole meeting as some parts are just for adults. You can talk to an Advocate. They will meet with you a few days before the Child Protection Conference to hear your views. The Advocate can then come to the meeting for you and share your views, they can help you write a letter to be read out, or they can come with you and sit next to you in the meeting.