

Core Group – Information for Children

This information sheet is also available in Welsh.

What is a Core Group?

At a meeting called a Child Protection Conference it was decided that you were not safe and now a smaller meeting called a Core Group will meet to work on the goals to support you and your family to make changes to keep you safe from significant harm.

Who is in the Core Group?

People like these:-

- Your family
- Social Worker
- Health Visitor
- Teacher

They can also help you if you want to know more or don't understand something. Just ask.

What does the Core Group do?

The Core Group put together your Care and Support Protection Plan and they make sure everything identified is achievable and that you were fully involved. As part of this plan they have written Steps to Change for each of the Outcome Goals that were named at your Child Protection Conference.

They make sure changes happen to make things better for you.

What do I need to do?

You can go to the meetings if you like.

If you go to the meetings, we will listen to you. What you say is important.

You can write down what you want to say at the meeting and ask someone to read it for you if this helps. You can ask your Social Worker for an advocate. This is someone who can help you say what you want at meetings, or can and say it for you.

How often will a Core Group meeting happen?

Within 10 days of the conference and then about every 6 weeks.

If you want to ask about anything else, you can talk to your Social Worker.

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