

The Review Child Protection Case Conference

Your child's name will remain on the Child Protection Register for three months.

Three months after the initial case conference, a review child protection case conference, attended by the same people who were at the initial case conference, will be held.

The meeting will discuss whether the concern about your child's safety and welfare has been addressed or if your child's name should remain on the Child Protection Register.

The Child Protection Register

The Orkney Child Protection Register is a confidential register of children who are believed by professionals to be at risk of significant abuse or neglect.



The Child Protection Process

Your social worker is:

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Useful contacts

Advocacy Orkney

Tel: 01856 870111

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Orkney Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: 01856 872566

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The Law Society of Scotland

(to find a solicitor)

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If your child is believed to have suffered or to be at risk of harm, you will be invited to a formal meeting called an initial case conference.

The meeting will bring together professionals who know your child and your family in order to discuss the concern in more detail.

The meeting will also decide whether your child's name should be placed on the Child Protection Register.

Who will be at the meeting?

A social worker and a police officer will attend, as well as professionals who know you and your child, such as your doctor, health visitor and your child's teacher.

Depending on their age, your child may also attend the meeting to give their views.

Before the case conference you can ask for an advocate from Advocacy Orkney. The advocate will help you to prepare what you want to say at the meeting and can speak on your behalf. You may also be able to bring along a friend or relative.

What will happen?

- Some of the professionals attending the meeting will have been asked to write a report about the concern and their knowledge of your family.
- You will be invited to meet with the chair of the case conference before the meeting in order to ask questions and to read over the reports.

At the case conference, all the information from the professionals' reports will be discussed.

- The chair will ask for your views and for your child's views. This is a very important part of the meeting.
- Based on all the information, the meeting will then decide whether your child's name should be placed on the Child Protection Register. This will be done if professionals believe that your child is suffering or at risk of significant harm, and that a protection plan is needed to keep your child safe.



Actions

If professionals believe that your child is not suffering or at risk of significant harm, you may be offered help to address any concerns.

If it is decided that your child's name should be placed on the Child Protection Register, an initial Child's Protection Plan that identifies what needs to change will be drawn up.

A core group made up of professionals and yourself will then be established. This group will meet to develop the plan, which will include actions to keep your child safe and to address concerns about their welfare. The plan will also explain what help your family will be given to help achieve this.

It is very important that you attend the case conference. You are the person who can make the changes necessary to address the concerns about your child's safety and welfare.