

Tell us what you think?



What things in your life are most important to you?

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What is difficult in your life?

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How safe do you feel?

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What do you think should happen to keep you safe?

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For more information

You can get more information about this leaflet and how it affects you from your worker.

Worker's name:

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Adult Protection Case Conferences

What you need to know



**Speak up
Speak out
We can help**

Adult Protection Case Conferences



What is an adult protection case conference?

It is a meeting we arrange if there are worries that you are not safe or that someone is causing you harm.

Can I attend the case conference?

Yes, you can attend the case conference to put across your views about whether you feel you are being harmed. You may agree or disagree with what others are saying and it is very important that you have a chance to have your say and be heard.

If you don't want to or cannot go to the meeting, your social care worker or other person who knows you will speak to you, find out what you think and tell this to people at the meeting. If you want to write your views down, there is a space for this on the other side of this leaflet.

You can also ask for an independent advocate (representative) who is not employed by the Council or the NHS to help you give your views at the case conference. An independent advocate can also attend the conference for you to make sure your views are heard.

Who will be there?

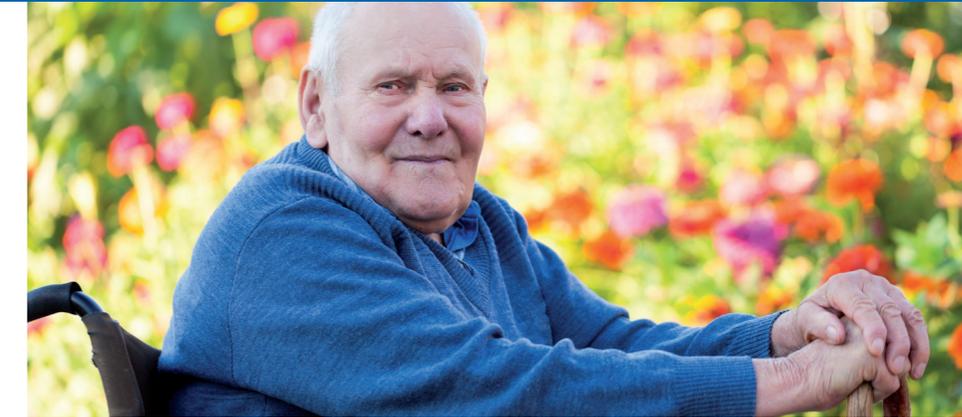
A manager from the social work service will be in charge of the meeting. This person is called the chairperson. He or she will make sure that everyone has a chance to speak for themselves and to be heard. Your key worker and anyone else involved with your care will be invited. Doctors, nurses, police officers or other professionals, who can advise how to protect you, may also be invited. Your family and those people in your life who want to support and protect you from harm may attend.

Someone from the social work service will take a 'minute' of the case conference. This is a written record of the meeting.

Any person who is suspected of harming you will not usually be at the case conference, unless there is a good reason, and then, again, only if you agree.

What will happen during the case conference?

Everyone will introduce themselves, the chairperson will remind everyone that the meeting is confidential and why it is being held. The chairperson will ask for everybody's views on the best way to keep you safe. He or she will ask everyone to listen to each other even when someone says something with which people may disagree.



Protection plan

If there are still risks a plan will be agreed to support and protect you from harm. This is called a 'protection plan'. The person taking the minute will write down what is said and what people have to do to make the protection plan work.

This plan will include all the things to be done to help you stay safe.

What happens after the meeting?

After the meeting your key worker will talk to you about how it went and go through the minutes and the protection plan with you.

There may be another meeting in the future to make sure that the protection plan is working to help you stay safe and well.