

What happens after the meeting?

You and your family will hopefully come up with a plan at the Conference. This will have all the decisions made by your family in it. If the Worker agrees that the plan will keep you and your family safe the Coordinator will write this up and send it to everyone who attended.

If you are old enough to understand the plan, you will receive your own copy as well.

For further information

Please talk to your Coordinator if you would like more information about your Family Group Conference.

Your FGC Coordinator is: _____

Their telephone number is: _____



Family Group Conference Service

A guide to our service – children and young people

What is a Family Group Conference?

A Family Group Conference is a meeting where you and your family members all get together to talk about any problems you may have. This could include your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, and it could include your family's friends.

How is a Family Group Conference different to other meetings?

A Family Group Conference is different because you and your family are given the chance to come up with some solutions to any problems together. You are given the time and space to make decisions that you think will work.

Although a Worker and a Coordinator will be at the meeting, they do not make the decisions in a Family Group Conference; however your family's plan will need the agreement of the Worker.



How will I be involved?

You will be given lots of chances to say how you feel about any problems that affect your life. The Coordinator will meet you and talk to you about what will happen at the Conference and what to expect. They will also make sure your views are heard at the meeting if you do not want to speak at the meeting yourself. This will always be up to you.

You can even help choose the food and drinks for the Conference. We want you to feel happy about all the arrangements.

My family don't all get on – what if they shout or argue?

The Coordinator's job involves making sure everyone knows who will be at the Conference and that they all understand what they are there to talk about. It is not meant to be a meeting where people argue.

At the Conference the Coordinator will do their best to make sure people don't shout or lose their temper. If they do, the meeting can be stopped for people to cool off. You can take a break at ANY time. There will be another room you can go to for some 'time out' from the meeting.

Where are the meetings held?

The meetings normally take place at local Children's Centres, Schools, or community centres.