

List of useful local contact numbers

Social Work Department

Alexandria/Dumbarton
01389 608080

Clydebank
0141 562 8800

Social Work Standby (out of hours)
0800 811 505

Strathclyde Police Public Protection Unit
0141 532 3300

Scottish Children's Reporters Administration
0300 200 2223

Childline
0800 11 11

National Child Protection Line
0800 022 3222

Your local **Health Visitor** who can be found through your local surgery or health centre.

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Other formats

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or on audio cassette and can be translated into different community languages.

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Please contact:

Corporate Communications
Council Offices
Garshake Road
Dumbarton G82 3PU
Telephone: 01389 737000

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Information for children and young people involved in a **Child Protection Investigation**



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Introduction

You have the right to be safe and be protected from harm and abuse.

Someone has told social work or police that they are worried about you.

This leaflet is to help you understand:

- **Why this person is worried about you**
- **What is happening just now and what might happen next**
- **And what help you can get**

Why someone is worried about you

Someone is worried about you because they think you might not be safe or might have been harmed or are not being looked after properly.

What is happening just now?

If someone has told social work or police they are worried about you, they will want to:

- **Make sure you are safe**
- **Speak to you**
- **Listen to you and find out what, if anything, has been happening**

When social work or police speak to you, you might want to speak to them on your own or you might want an adult you trust to be there as well.

What you and other people say will be written down or recorded to make sure that everyone is clear about what's been said. What you have to say is very important.

Social work and police might also want to speak to other people who know you and your family well such as a close family member, your teacher, school nurse, etc.

It is usually better if you are able to be looked after by your own family in your own home. However, if this is not possible you might have to be looked after by someone else in a place where you will be safe.

What will happen next?

After speaking to everyone if social work and police believe you are safe and not at risk of harm then there might be no need for further contact with them. However, if you or your family need help and support then this will be arranged.

Sometimes a meeting called a **Case Discussion** or **Case Conference** can be arranged to make sure you and your family get the help you need.

If you are not safe or not being properly looked after

However, if there are worries that you are not safe or being properly looked after then a meeting called an **Initial Child Protection Case Conference** will be held.

Where you can get help

You may be worried or upset just now, but there are people who can offer support, and help to you. If you need to speak to someone please speak to an adult you can trust. You can speak to a teacher, social worker, health visitor or someone at one of the agencies listed overleaf.

